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## NewsTracker ... What's new with old news

### World

**Sasser computer virus:** A German teenager who created the Sasser worm that disrupted computers around the world in May has been charged with computer sabotage, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Sven Jaschan, 18, was arrested after telling officials his original intention was to create a virus, "Netsky A," that would combat the "Mydoom" and "Bagle" viruses, removing them from infected computers.

He developed several versions of the Netsky virus and, after modifying it, created Sasser, which raced around the world exploiting a flaw in Microsoft Corp.'s Windows operating system.

Computer sabotage carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

**Britain remembers 9/11:** A British charity appealed Wednesday for \$1.8 million for a memorial garden remembering the 67 Britons who died in terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001.

"I think it's very poignant that we're making this appeal now, at a time when terrorism has come back in our faces with this terrible tragedy in Beslan in Russia," said David Treldnick, co-chair of the British Memorial Garden Trust U.K. Ltd., referring to the raid on a school last week that left more than 320 people dead.

Treldnick said the families of the British victims supported the creation of the memorial garden in Hanover Square in Manhattan, just three blocks from the site of the Sept. 11 attacks.

**France head scarf ban:** Some 100 to 120 girls have defied a new law banning Islamic head scarves in classrooms and are in talks with school officials trying to convince them to remove the head coverings, Education Minister Francois Fillon said Wednesday.

They were the first complete figures made public since the start of the school year last Thursday.

**Korea nukes:** North Korea on Wednesday warned of a "nuclear arms race" in Northeast Asia following the recent revelation that South Korean scientists enriched a tiny amount of uranium four years ago, a news report said.

North Korea's envoy to the United Nations, Han Sung Ryol, told South Korea's national news agency Yonhap that the communist state found the United States "worthless" as a dialogue partner because it was applying "double standards" to the two Koreas.

Han's comments were North Korea's first public reaction to the South Korean admission last week that its scientists produced a small amount of enriched uranium in an experiment in 2000.

South Korea admitted last Thursday that its scientists produced 0.2 grams of enriched uranium during the 2000 experiment at its main government-affiliated nuclear research institute.

**Anwar Ibrahim appeal:** Legal efforts by four deputy leaders of Anwar Ibrahim to clear his criminal record and Malaysia's highest court said Wednesday as Sept. 15 on an appeal to overturn his corruption conviction.

The decision would cap a momentous two weeks, which began with Anwar being freed from six years in prison when the Federal Court overturned his conviction for sodomy. Anwar contends both convictions resulted from a conspiracy by his former mentor, then-Prime Minister Mahatir Mohamad.

Anwar said Wednesday that prosecutors had "no case."

"I would appeal to [the judges] to respect



**Milosevic trial:** Slobodan Milosevic appears Tuesday before the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague, the Netherlands. James Jatras, who worked for the Senate Republican Policy Committee from 1985-2000, told the court that the groundwork for what became the al-Qaida terrorist network partly was laid during the Bosnian war during the break-up of Yugoslavia in the 1990s. Jatras was the second defense witness to testify at Milosevic's trial.

the law and facts of the case and not be influenced by other forces," Anwar told reporters at a news conference in Munich, Germany, where he was recovering from back surgery.

**Nazi restitution:** The about 20,000 people who were financially compensated for being evicted from their Vienna, Austria, apartments by the Nazis will receive additional restitution payments of \$1,210, the Parliament speaker said Wednesday.

The payments were possible because the national fund set up to compensate Nazi victims had money left after paying \$7,000 in 2000 to those who lost their apartments after Austria became part of Nazi Germany in 1938, Parliament Speaker Andreas Kohl said in a statement.

The fund, established by Parliament in 1995, pays financial compensation to Nazi victims as a symbolic gesture to recognize that Austria was active in the Nazi persecution.

### States

**Baltimore child murders:** Two men charged with the gruesome murders of three children from Mexico pleaded innocent Tuesday to beheading one of their young relatives and nearly decapitating the other two.

The judge scheduled a Dec. 13 jury trial for Policarpo Espinoza Perez, 22, and Adrian Espinoza Canela, 17, on first-degree murder charges. They face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted.

The two are accused in the deaths of Ricardo Solis Quezada Jr. and his sister, Lucero Solis Quezada, both 9, and their 10-year-old male cousin, Alexis Espejo Quezada. They were found dead in their apartment after returning from school in May.

Prosecutor Sharon Holback declined to discuss a motive.

**Convention protests:** The City Council plans to hold a hearing this month to examine the city's handling of thousands of protesters who were arrested and detained at a former bus depot during the Republican National Convention.

At a news conference at City Hall on Tuesday, Councilwoman Margarita Lopez said she believes the city's treatment of protesters "constitutes police brutality" and called on the Civilian Complaint Review Board

and the city's health department to investigate conditions surrounding the arrests and detentions.

More than 1,800 people were arrested during the convention, most for disorderly conduct.

**E-voting lawsuit:** California Attorney General Bill Lockyer joined a lawsuit Tuesday alleging that voting equipment company Diebold Inc. sold the state shoddy hardware and software, exposing elections to hackers and software bugs.

California's Alameda County also joined the false claims case, originally filed by a computer programmer and voting rights advocate. Faulty equipment in the March primary forced at least 6,000 of 316,000 voters in the county east of San Francisco to use backup paper ballots instead of the paperless voting terminals.

The lawsuit is the first e-voting case to rely on an obscure legal provision for whistleblowers who help the government identify fraud.

**Laci Peterson case:** In a day of wide-ranging testimony, prosecutors in Scott Peterson's murder trial called two investigators who said that they pursued a tip that Laci Peterson was being held in a rural area about 30 miles from her home.

Modesto police officer Eric Beffa testified about an anonymous tip police received in early January 2003, just weeks after the disappearance, that Laci was being held captive near Tracy, a suburb west of Modesto, Calif.

As the trial entered its 15th week, prosecutors prepared to introduce evidence they say places Laci Peterson on the boat police allege Scott Peterson used to dispose of her body.

**Bill Clinton recovering:** Breathing on his own and sipping liquids, former President Bill Clinton continued to make what doctors called a satisfactory recovery after undergoing a heart operation to bypass four severely clogged arteries.

Clinton was "resting comfortably" in intensive care at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia Tuesday, "awake and alert and talking with his family," according to a statement by his office. He was taken off his respirator Monday night.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

# Trouble in Iraq hit 1,000

## U.S. warplanes strike at suspected militant strongholds in Fallujah

BY HAMZA HENDAWI

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. warplanes hammered suspected militant strongholds in Fallujah on Wednesday after a suicide bombing there and a series of attacks in Baghdad pushed the number of U.S. military deaths in the Iraq campaign past 1,000.

Sporadic explosions lit the sky throughout the night and several buildings were razed to the ground. A thick plume of smoke rose from the western city after American jets struck a suspected militant stronghold used to plan attacks on American forces, the military said.

Hospital officials said at least six people were killed and 11 wounded since the strikes began late Tuesday.

Residents huddled in their homes as planes repeatedly swooped over eastern and southern neighborhoods of Fallujah, a hotbed of Sunni insurgents, witnesses said.

In eastern Baghdad, insurgents detonated a roadside bomb early Wednesday that killed one U.S. soldier and wounded two others, the military said. The wounded were evacuated to a civilian hospital after the attack at 5:30 a.m. local time.

Fighting with Sunni and Shiite insurgents killed eight Americans in the Baghdad area on Tuesday and Wednesday, pushing the American death count to 1,003. That number includes 1,000 U.S. troops and three civilians, two working for the U.S. Army and one for the Air Force. The tally was compiled by The Associated Press based on Pentagon records and AP reporting from Iraq.

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry said the United States kept the friends and relatives of those who died in mourning their loss.

"Today marks a tragic milestone in the war in Iraq. More than a thousand of America's sons and daughters have made the ultimate sacrifice. Our nation honors their service and joins with their families and loved ones in mourning their loss," Kerry said.



Thick smoke rises after an airstrike by U.S. forces Wednesday in Fallujah, Iraq. On Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, U.S. jets fired several missiles into Fallujah in retaliation for Monday's militant attacks on Marine positions outside the city, which killed seven Marines.

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The 1,003 figure includes deaths from hostile and nonhostile causes since the United States launched the Iraq campaign in March 2003 to topple Saddam Hussein's regime. All but 138 of the U.S. deaths came after Bush's May 1, 2003, declaration of an end to major combat operations after Saddam fell.

The grim 1,000 mark was surpassed after a surge in fighting, which has killed a total of 17 U.S. service members in the past four days in a spate of attacks in Baghdad and a suicide bombing near Fallujah.

The guns fell silent Wednesday in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City, however, a day after two soldiers were killed in fierce clashes with fighters loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles patrolled the streets Wednesday.

The return of calm came after

al-Sadr's militia announced a unilateral cease-fire by warning would fight back in self defense.

In the abduction of the Anbar province official, gunmen opened fire on the car of Deputy Gov. Bassil Ahmed and seized him at the vehicle stopped, Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul Rahman said. Ahmed's son was injured during the shooting.

In Baghdad, gunmen killed the assistant director of the Interior Ministry's criminal investigation department early Wednesday after opening fire on his car as he headed to work, Rahman said.

Col. Ismail al-Ayal was ambushed near his home in the city's western Ghazaliya district, Rahman said. In Rome, Pope John Paul II led prayers Wednesday for the release of two female Italian aid workers who were seized from their Baghdad offices by camouflaged-clad gunmen a day earlier.

In other violence Wednesday, gunmen kidnapped the Anbar province's deputy governor Wednesday in the latest assault on officials connected to Iraq's interim government, the Interior Ministry said.

Wednesday's airstrikes targeted a militant "command and control headquarters that has recently been coordinating attacks" against coalition forces, the military said.

Late Tuesday, U.S. jets dropped several bombs and tank and artillery units fired rounds into the city in retaliation for militant attacks on Marine positions outside the city, said Marine spokesman Lt. Col. T.V. Johnson.

Johnson said in a statement that significant numbers of enemy fighters (up to 100) are estimated to have been killed by Tuesday's shelling. The claim could not be verified, and Johnson acknowledged that U.S. forces have not entered the city of Fallujah itself.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 1,003 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count based on Defense Department records and AP reporting from Iraq. That count includes 1,000 servicemembers and three military civilians.

The Defense Department's most recent published count, as of Tuesday, shows 998 U.S. servicemembers and three military civilians. Of those, 752 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of nonhostile causes. In addition, the Defense Department lists the deaths of three Defense Department civilians, for a total of 1,001.

The British military has reported 64 deaths: Italy 18; Spain 11; Poland 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

According to the military's numbers, Tuesday, 869 U.S. servicemembers have died since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended. Of those, 643 died as a result of hostile action and 217 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Tuesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ One soldier was killed in a roadside bomb attack Wednesday near Balad.

■ Six U.S. Marines were killed Monday in a car bomb attack near Fallujah, Iraq.

■ One soldier was killed when his convoy was hit by a roadside bomb near Baghdad late Monday.

■ One soldier died early Tuesday from wounds sustained from a roadside bombing against his convoy a day earlier in Baghdad.

■ One soldier died Monday from wounds sustained during an unspecified attack in Baghdad.

■ One soldier was killed in a roadside bomb attack near Qayarah, just north of Baghdad.

■ Two soldiers were killed in a rocket-propelled grenade strike during clashes in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City early Tuesday.

■ One soldier was killed by small arms fire Tuesday in west Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Staff Sgt. Gary A. Vaillant, 41, Trujillo, Puerto Rico; died Sunday in Khalid-Jay's. "We work ran over an explosive; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 72nd Armor, Camp Casey, Korea.

■ Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric L. Hunt, 21, Grand Island, Neb.; killed Saturday in an attack in Iraq; assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR, Port Hueneke, Calif.

## Bush: 'We mourn every loss of life' in Iraq

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the number of American military deaths in Iraq surpassing 1,000, President Bush said Wednesday, "We mourn every loss of life," and declared that the United States was making good progress in the war against terrorism.

"We're still at war," Bush said during a meeting with congressional leaders. "We've got to do everything we can to protect the home front."

Bush's comments came on the same day that Secretary of State Colin Powell, making the rounds of the morning network news shows, defended the U.S.-led war to topple Iraq's Saddam Hussein and urged patience as the war torn nation struggles with a transition to democracy.

The vast majority of U.S. deaths in Iraq — all but 138 — came after Bush's May 1, 2003, declaration of an end to major combat operations.

Bush met with the bipartisanship leadership of Congress to discuss legislation to strengthen the nation's intelligence services in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Bush said the administration would submit legislation and said he believes that a proposed national intelligence director should have full budgetary authority.

The meeting gave Bush an opportunity to accentuate the two most prominent themes of his campaign: Iraq and the war on terrorism.

Saying that it was important to improve intelligence capabilities, Bush said, "We're still on the offense here in this country. We're chasing down these killers overseas so we don't have to face them here at home."

"We're making good progress," the president said.

"Ultimately we will prevail because liberty changes countries, liberty changes the habits of people, liberty promotes peace. And that's why we appreciate the sacrifice of the men and women who wear the uniform," Bush said. "They're serving a great cause."

"We mourn every loss of life," he said. "We will honor their memories by completing the mission."

Bush refused to answer questions from reporters. He simply stared at a reporter who asked if he agreed with Vice President Dick Cheney's assertion that if Democrat John Kerry is elected, "the danger is that we'll get hit again" by terrorists.

Powell told ABC television's "Good Morning America" earlier that people must "remember what the stakes are" in Iraq.





# Heavy Rescue One brings its skill to Iraq

## 458th Engineer Battalion unit able to dig people out of collapsed buildings

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

The 458th Engineer Battalion provides a service unique not only to the U.S. Army, but to Iraq as well.

The battalion's Heavy Rescue One unit is the only Army unit qualified to rescue people trapped in collapsed buildings, such as those hit by car bombs.

"We can find people who are alive and get them first aid," said Sgt. Frank DiFilippo, part of the initial group of heavy rescue officers with the 458th.

About 85 of the battalion's more than 500 soldiers are trained as part of the unit, but Sgt. Joseph Taylor, the Army Reserve unit's deputy chief, said it can call on the entire battalion if needed.

When called to an incident, the unit's six officers will fly or drive to the site as soon as possible. They will determine what equipment and personnel are neces-

sary to start the rescue efforts. Once everything arrives, they begin working.

"Because we have so many people [available], we can support it ... as long as it's a search and rescue mission, while there's still hope of finding individuals [still alive]," said Maj. Adam S. Roth, battalion executive officer and heavy rescue unit chief.

Though it was created to support the 1st Cavalry Division, the unit will respond to civilian incidents as well. The Iraqi government does not have its own heavy rescue unit.

"This shows the Iraqis that we do care," said DiFilippo. "There are no construction standards here, so that makes our job even more important."

The heavy rescue capability was created from scratch in December 2003, said Roth.

"Rather than the Army spend \$50,000 on a guy telling them how



BRIAN FULLER/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

**Soldiers of the Army's 458th Engineer Battalion Heavy Rescue One unit during a recent training exercise in Baghdad. The battalion has the Army's only heavy rescue unit.**

we should do this, we started off thinking 'we can do this better,'" Roth said. "We built the mission back at the mobilization station."

Roth and the five other unit officers decided how the unit would create a heavy rescue capability while preparing to deploy from Fort McCoy, Wisc. These initial heavy rescue officers, Roth said, all have civilian careers related to this kind of work.

Roth, who has been a civilian firefighter for more than a decade, worked with New York City firefighters after the attacks on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Another officer, Staff Sgt. Brian Fuller, was at the Pentagon that day.

Taylor is a firefighter in the Norfolk, Va., area, and DiFilippo is a hazardous-material technician.

Once the officers decided what equipment and training was needed, they started looking for volunteers in the battalion. Many came forward with civilian experience that fit the unit's needs.

"The reserve component brings these skills," said Taylor. These volunteers gave the unit a core base of skilled personnel.

Training began at Fort McCoy, the unit's mobilization station. "We figured the best thing to do was to give everyone a basic overview of what these operations were like, expose them to it, but not get too technical," said Taylor.

Training included tight work spaces. "We required a lot of crawling and climbing over debris," Taylor said. "We were testing them to find out who's skittish in confined spaces."

When the unit arrived in Baghdad earlier this year, members were able to train on buildings with real battle damage. Three of the training sessions were held at the former Republican Guard palace in the International Zone.

"That was probably the best training site so far," Taylor said. "They saw what happens to a building when a massive bomb is dropped on it."

In the next month, the unit will take part in its largest training event. It will be in another International Zone building, working in conjunction with fire and medical personnel. And because the unit's officers didn't set up the training, they don't know what to expect.

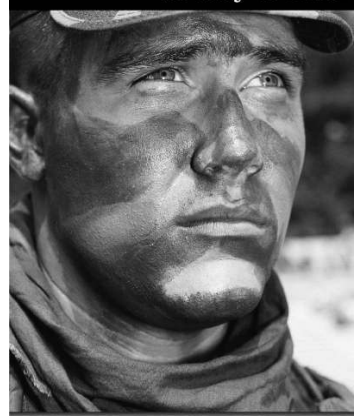
"The next training will be a true test," Taylor said. "They'll get to see a lot of trash, exposed rebar ... [and] no electricity, so they'll see what it's like to operate in the darkness. [There will be] some guys to act as bystanders and victims."

Each training session, Taylor said, gives the unit's soldiers more confidence and experience if called to a real building collapse.

"The fact that we're the only battalion that does this, it's [an] enormous [responsibility]," said DiFilippo. "It's one of the most important missions in theater."

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## Stars and Stripes Messages of Support

★ KAERON, This is LaRhonda Carlton, A long time friend from NC, Do you remember me? I hope so. I have had you on my mind throughout this crisis and have been praying diligently for you! I hope all is well and I will continue praying for you! If you can please write me back and let me know at least how you are doing!! LaRhonda

## Stars and Stripes Messages of Support

★ Hello Chris S., We are praying for you and everyone there, we miss you and are hoping you will return home safe soon! Stay focused on what you need to do! We will take care of Brigitte and Jackie here in Arizona, don't you worry. We saw your battalion on TV and know you are doing well! God Bless and keep you safe! Ashley, Becky, Sam, Valeri, Brigitte, Nanny, Tacy, Jackie, and Kortney... xoxoxoxo

★ DEAR ERIC, I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL THINKING ABOUT YOU EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY AND NIGHT. I PRAY FOR

YOUR SAFETY AND THE END TO THIS WAR. OUR FLAG IS OUT AND I HAVE TIED A YELLOW RIBBON AROUND THE TREE IN THE FRONT YARD. KEEP YOUR SPIRITS UP, STAY ALERT, AND SAFE. GRANDMA IS DOING FINE DON'T WORRY ABOUT HER, SHE WOULD WRITE YOU TOO BUT THAT WOULD CONFUSE HER. HA HA. EVERYONE HAS SENT YOU LETTERS, BUT WE REALIZE THE MAIL MY TAKE AWHILE. YOU HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR SAFE RETURN HOME. LOVE YOU BUNCHES AUNT KATIE

# Marine sees wreckage where he earned medal

## Charred Humvee a tough sight for 2nd BCT's first Purple Heart

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

WESTERN IRAQ — It was almost midnight last Tuesday when Lance Cpl. Steven Klimtzak, a Marine from the 4th Civil Affairs Group, found the Humvee, its dark-green hulk rising out of the darkness like the wreck of the Titanic.

Since he got out of the hospital a few days before, the Marine, attached to the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, has had trouble sleeping. When he closes his eyes, he hears explosions, echoes of the bomb that destroyed the Humvee on Sept. 3 and made him the first in the brigade to receive a Purple Heart.

"There it is," he said, shining a flashlight through the gloom to reveal the mangled steel frame of a Humvee resting among dozens of other military vehicles.

Swirling dust made the parking lot resemble a graveyard from a B-grade horror film, but even in the dark, it was easy to see that the Humvee suffered greatly in the explosion.

Inside was a mangled mass of twisted metal, a shredded tire hung from one of the front wheels; the left-side mirror was gone and the metal bar that once held it ripped in half; the roof had caved in and the driver's door, which was blown off by the blast, lay bent in the back of the vehicle.

Klimtzak hunkered down and shone his flashlight on the underside of the Humvee to reveal a blackened mass of metal, shredded like Swiss cheese and leaking fluids onto the sand.

Inside, the dashboard was a tangle of broken instruments. The accelerator pedal had a hole in it where Sgt. Luke Cassidy's big toe once rested. Cassidy, also from 4th Civil Affairs Group, was medically evacuated and also will be awarded a Purple Heart, Klimtzak said.

Klimtzak, a 19-year-old from Cheektowaga, N.Y., searched the driver's compartment in case his friend's toe was still there, but found only pieces of the shrapnel that ripped through the vehicle.

"I've got eight of these still in my shoulder," he said, holding up a piece of jagged silver metal from the floor.

Klimtzak pulled down his T-shirt to reveal a hole where a piece of shrapnel entered his back, and another hole where it exited his shoulder.



Marine Lance Cpl. Steven Klimtzak of the 4th Civil Affairs Group became the first servicemember of Strike Force — the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team — to receive a Purple Heart in Iraq. A bomb hit his Humvee, shown in the background.

Being near the Humvee for the first time since the attack made the young Marine uneasy, and he lit a cigarette to calm his nerves.

Klimtzak has hazy memories of the Sept. 2 explosion. There are a few details he can recall: A few days after he arrived in Iraq, he was manning a machine gun on the back of the Humvee on his first trip outside the wire. It was a civil affairs mission to inspect a soccer field and a school, he said.

Shortly before the attack, the vehicle passed under a tree and an overhanging branch struck Klimtzak. Then he saw a man with a shovel running away from the road. As Klimtzak started to turn his gun to face the threat, the bomb detonated, he said.

The blast sent a swarm of shrapnel into the young Marine's shoulder, dislocating it, knocking him out and damaging his hearing in one ear.

"I was told the driver kept going for 20 meters and then we crashed into a ditch. I ended up in the cab with the driver," Klimtzak said.

"The next thing I remember is somebody yelling, 'Get out of the way, casualties coming in.' I remember the doc putting my shoulder back in place, which really hurt, and the nurse calming me down. Then they put me out because of the pain.

"I remember getting into a helicopter and waking up a day later at [a military hospital], not knowing where I was. I was scared and I didn't know what happened. I kept worrying about Sergeant

Cassidy."

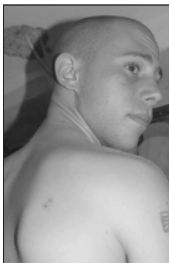
When Klimtzak called his parents, Thomas and Belinda, to tell them he was all right, they cried.

Now, standing by the wrecked Humvee, Klimtzak's shoulder still hurts. But it's healing fast, he said. His hearing is coming back,

too. It might take longer for the psychological scars to heal.

"It is hard to sleep at night," he said. "I hear explosions. I wake up crying or sweating. The other day a sergeant broke a light bulb in a garbage can and I almost jumped out of my boots."

Other times he feels angry with



Klimtzak bears scars on his shoulder blade, where shrapnel entered his back after a bomb hit his Humvee last week.

the people who attacked him.

"I don't understand why people are doing this to us. We are here to help them and there are people out there that don't want our help and they are trying to hurt us," he said.

For now, he is taking stress management classes and maintaining vehicles on post, but he is determined to continue his mission in Iraq.

"The best Marine is a hundred percent Marine," he said. "They want me 100 percent before I go back out, but eventually I will go back out."

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# Army officer sentenced for shooting self

BY RICK EMERT

Stars and Stripes

WÜRZBURG, Germany — A Schweinfurt Army officer was sentenced Tuesday to 30 days of confinement after shooting himself in the chest in order to be sent home from Iraq.

Second Lt. Adam Christie, 29, from 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, pleaded guilty to the charge of malingering.

The military judge, Col. Stephanie Browne, sentenced Christie to 12 months of confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and dismissal from the Army. Because of a plea agreement, Christie's confinement was reduced to one month, but he still

## Attempt to get sent home from Iraq ends 2nd lieutenant's career

will forfeit pay and be dismissed from the Army.

The incident occurred April 10 at Forward Operating Base Onash, Iraq. Christie admitted to shooting himself to get out of Iraq and out of the platoon leader position he had held for a few weeks.

Sgt. 1st Class Curtis Chalupa, who was Christie's platoon sergeant for two weeks, said in testimony during sentencing that Christie was initially excited about the position, but his motivation soon waned. Chalupa testified that Christie grew more and more depressed after daily meetings with the company commander.

Christie testified that the commander overly criticized Christie's handling of daily convoys as the convoy commander. Christie also said that he had no transition time with the outgoing platoon leader to properly learn how to handle the position.

Christie said he was concerned about his ability as commander of the convoys' lead vehicle to spot roadside bombs that could injure his soldiers in trailing vehicles.

When Chalupa was removed from his position as platoon sergeant, another noncommissioned officer took his place who had had no experience with the con-

voys. Two days later, Christie testified, he propped his M16A4 rifle on his bed, leaned against the muzzle and fired a round into the right side of his chest.

In closing remarks, prosecutor Capt. Treb Courie said that Christie had let down not only his soldiers, but his whole battalion and the Army.

"(Christie) said that he let his soldiers down, and that he would have to live with that," Courie said.

"The soldiers he let down are the ones who are going to have to live with it. Think of the soldiers in his platoon rushing to his aid

after he shot himself. They had been out on missions that day, and now their platoon leader was lying on the ground shouting: 'I shot myself; I don't want to be here.' He didn't act selfishly, he acted selfishly."

Christie's civilian defense attorney, David Court, said Christie didn't let the Army down.

"He did his best for the Army; the Army didn't do its best for him," Court said. "His leadership failed him. [The company commander's] leadership style with this brand-new lieutenant was tearing him down."

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# Company members testify in commander's shooting hearing

## Subordinate: Maynulet acted out of compassion for wounded Iraqi

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

HANAU, Germany — Shortly after the incident that led to the death of a wounded Iraqi man, 1st Lt. Colin Cremin spoke with his company commander, who today stands accused of murder.

It had been another long day in Iraq, and though Cremin was near where the incident occurred, he wasn't at the scene of the shooting to know what Capt. Rogelio M. Maynulet and others in the tank company were up against. The two discussed a few issues, including the matter that now has Maynulet sitting in a military court facing a possible court-martial.

"It was something he didn't want to do, but it was the compassionate response," Cremin said, and he recalled the conversation at a pretrial hearing Wednesday in Hanau.

"It was definitely the humane response to that [situation]," Cremin added in response to a question posed by the lead prosecutor in the case.

Maynulet is accused of murder and dereliction of duty stemming from the death of the wounded Iraqi on May 21.

Army prosecutors say Maynulet unlawfully shot the man, while defense attorneys maintain his innocence.

What exactly happened that morning near Najaf has yet to be determined, but at the resumption of Maynulet's Article 32 hearing, a process that started three months ago in Iraq, more details began to emerge.

The testimony also provided some interesting insights into the U.S. military mission in Iraq.

For example, Maynulet's unit, Company A, 2nd Battalion, 37th Army Regiment, of the 1st Armored Division, had half as many rifles as men.

That led troops to sometimes

use confiscated weapons to fight Iraqi insurgents. Maynulet apparently took a submachine gun from an Iraqi police station, according to Army prosecutors.

And the dynamics of urban warfare in greater Baghdad and the rest of Iraq were such that U.S. soldiers "had to bring out old manuals from Vietnam" for a number of things that might help in Iraq, said Capt. Jeremy Dobos, a battalion staff intelligence officer.

According to the testimony of several witnesses Wednesday, Maynulet excelled under such cir-

cumstances, but that he carried an awful lot about finding ways to improve their lives.

"Would you go to war with him?" Army Sgt. Maj. Allen Ashton was asked by one of Maynulet's lawyers.

Ashton, who served as a first sergeant under Maynulet, said he would.

His company, Ashton said, "was the best company in the battalion" in terms of discipline.

Perhaps the most poignant witness Wednesday was Cremin, Maynulet's executive officer on that day in May.

On July 2, the Army issued a statement on the incident, saying the incident occurred when U.S. forces "came into contact with a black sedan believed to contain militia forces."

"A chase began, and U.S. forces shot at the vehicle," said the release from the U.S. Central Command. "The driver and a passenger were wounded. Shortly thereafter the wounded driver was shot and killed at close range."

Using notes from an interview last month, the prosecution asked Cremin if his comments then were accurate. A couple of passages were read back, including one that recounted part of what Maynulet and Cremin discussed after the incident.

Based on what Maynulet's medic told him, the Iraqi man had "half his brain hanging out" after a shootout between U.S. forces and Iraqis and a car chase.

Reluctantly, while taking some issue with the accuracy of the notes, Cremin said that characterization "was in the ballpark."

He also acknowledged that Maynulet told him: "I wouldn't be surprised if there were some kind of negative reaction."

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### Stolen explosives

WINTHROP, Maine — A former Army Green Beret remains in federal custody after pleading guilty to possessing stolen military explosives in his Winthrop home.

Marc McDonnell, 48, entered his plea Friday in U.S. District Court in Portland and his case

was continued for sentencing. He faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Federal agents, who searched McDonnell's home three months ago at the request of his estranged wife, Cynthia, found 10 pounds of military TNT and 142 blasting caps.

From The Associated Press

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## Messages of Support

Dear Jeffie: I don't know if you will get this or not, but I had to try and send it anyway. I love you and you know that you are always in my prayers. You may not not be my real son, but your my son in all other ways. I know you having a hard time dealing with your recent loss of your dad. Just know I am here if you ever need to talk. Call me collect if you have to. I will NEVER turn you away!!!!!! Love You Always.....Mary

Heyla all you who are fighting for the US! Thank you for being willing to put your lives on the line for your country. I'm not exactly thrilled that you have to be in such danger but I'm proud of you for having a willing heart to do so. Twin of my friend, Bernie, many hugs from home from my beloved and I and your family. But to one god grant you over seas, may God grant you ALL safe return to your loved ones! Look to your safe keeping and the keeping of your fellow soldiers, we miss you all and want you home again safe and healthy

when this is all over. The Lord watch over you and keep you. May He keep His eyes on you and lift up His countenance over you. The Lord bring each of you safe home again. The Lord comfort you and be a shield about you. The Lord is a Faithful King! He will guard you and protect you. He will never leave you or forsake you. He is with each of you always. Be comforted and solidly confident in this for He is Faithful to do as He has promised. His angels are around you and His Hands are guarding you by night and by day. Watch for Him to do so. Love from friends to friends at home, Julie

I really don't have anyone to write to but I just wanted to let all the troop over in Iraq that we will win this war and I am with you 100% and all Americans should be you all also. I just want to send you love and faith but I think that you all already have it. I will pray for you and GO ARMY! MARINES! NAVY! my heart goes out to everyone that is over there GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!!



# DOD releases more Bush records after suit

BY MATT KELLEY  
The Associated Press

## New files are part of president's National Guard record

WASHINGTON — Months after insisting it could find no more records of President Bush's Air National Guard service, the Defense Department has released more than two dozen pages of files, including Bush's report card for flight training and dates of his flights.

The records, released under

pressure of a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit by The Associated Press, show Bush ranked in the middle of his 1969 flight training class and flew 336 hours for the Texas Air National Guard, mostly in the F-102A fighter.

The Pentagon and Bush's campaign have claimed for months that all records detailing his flight-

er pilot career have been made public, but defense officials acknowledged Tuesday they had found two dozen new records detailing his training and flight logs after the AP sued and submitted new requests under the public records law.

"Previous requests from other requesters for President Bush's

Individual Flight Records did not lead to the discovery of these records because at the time President Bush left the service, flight records were subject to retention for only 24 months and we understood that neither the Air Force nor the Texas Air National Guard retained such records thereafter," the Pentagon told the AP.

"Out of an abundance of caution," the government "searched a file that had been preserved in spite of this policy" and found the Bush records, the letter said.

The Department of Defense regrets this oversight during the previous search efforts."

Bush's Vietnam-era service in the Texas Air National Guard has become an issue in the presidential campaign as the candidates spar over who would make the best commander in chief. Supporters of Democratic nominee John Kerry, a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, have criticized Bush for serving stateside in the National Guard.

The newly released records show Bush, a lieutenant in the Texas Air National Guard, ranked No. 22 in a class of 53 pilots when he finished his flight training at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia in 1969.

Over the next three years, he logged 326.4 hours as a pilot and an additional 9.9 hours as a co-pilot, mostly in the F-102A jet used to intercept enemy aircraft. Of the 278 hours he flew in the interceptor, about 77 hours were in the TF-102A, the two-seat trainer version of the one-seat fighter jet.

The records show his last flight was in April 1972, which is consistent with pay records indicating Bush had a lapse of duty between April and October of that year. Bush has said he had permission to go to Alabama in 1972 to work on an unsuccessful Republican Senate campaign.

Bush skipped a required medical exam that cost him his pilot's status in August of that year.

Bush's 2000 campaign suggested the future president skipped his medical exam in part because the F-102A was nearly obsolete.

Records show Bush's Texas unit flew the F-102A until 1974 and used the jets as part of an air defense drill during 1972.

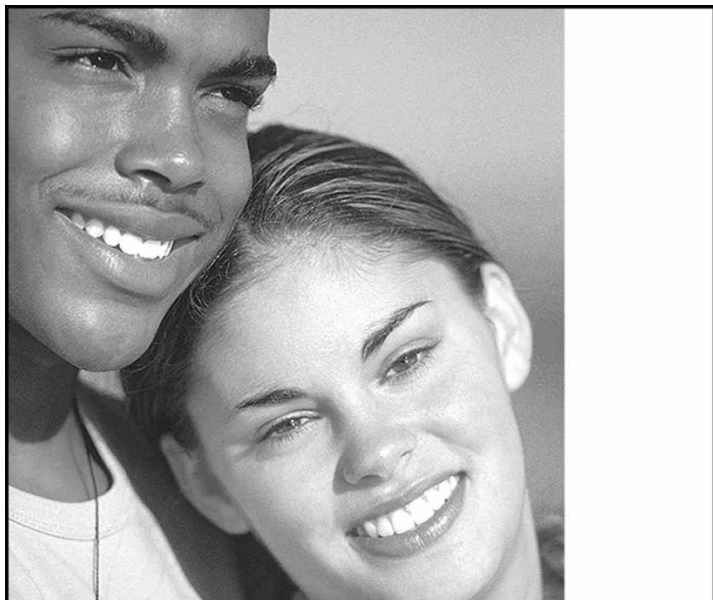
A six-month historical record of his 147th Fighter Interceptor Group, also turned over to the AP on Tuesday, shows some of the training Bush missed with his colleagues during that time.

It showed the unit joined a "24-hour active alert mission to safeguard against surprise attack" in the southern United States beginning on Oct. 6, 1972, a mission for which Bush was not present, according to his pay records.

Bush's lone service in October was outside Texas, presumably with an Alabama unit he had permission to train with in September, October and November 1972.

The newly released records do not include any from five categories of documents Bush's commanders had been required to keep in response to the gaps in Bush's training in 1972 and 1973. For example, National Guard commanders were required to perform an investigation whenever a pilot skipped a medical exam and forward the results up the Air Force chain of command.

No such documents have surfaced.



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## IN THE WORLD

## Russia asserts ability to strike at terror

## Authorities offer \$10 million reward for rebel leaders

BY JUDITH INGRAM  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A top Russian general on Wednesday warned the military will strike "terrorist bases in any region of the world," while authorities offered a \$10 million reward for information leading to two Chechen rebel lead-

ers blamed for last week's deadly raid on a school.

In a nationally televised meeting, Prosecutor-General Vladimir Ustinov also briefed President Vladimir Putin on the investigation into the taking of more than 1,200 hostages in a school last week in the southern Russian town of Beslan.

His was the first official acknowledgment that the number of hostages had been so high; the government initially said about 350 people had been seized. A regional official later said the number had been 1,181.

Col. Gen. Yuri Baluyevsky, chief of the Russian General Staff, reasserted Russia's right to strike terrorists anywhere in the world.

"As for carrying out preventive strikes against terrorist bases, we will take all measures to liquidate terrorist bases in any region of the world," Baluyevsky told reporters.

Baluyevsky made his comments during a joint news conference with NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, Gen. James Jones, after talks on Russia-NATO military cooperation, including anti-terror cooperation.

Meanwhile, Alexander Dzasokhov, the president of the region of North Ossetia, home to Beslan, said that the regional government would step down within two days, the first sign of officials being punished for failing to prevent the attack.

The pledge was made during an emotional hour-long exchange with more than 1,000 demonstrators who gathered in front of the regional government headquarters to demand the resignation of regional government and security officials, and the formation of independent



Hostages sit on a floor in a gym as a hostage-taker stands with his left foot on a book, apparently linked to a chain of explosives, in the school in Beslan, Russia. This image was taken from television footage filmed during the early part of the siege.

regional and national commissions to investigate the tragedy.

Russia's Federal Security Service offered a reward of \$10 million — its biggest ever offered — for information that could help "neutralize" Chechen rebel leaders Shamil Basayev and Aslan Maskhadov, whom officials have accused of masterminding last week's hostage crisis in North Ossetia, a region bordering Chechnya.

The agency said Basayev and Maskhadov have been responsible for "inhuman terrorist acts on the territory of the Russian Federation."

Maskhadov, the former president of Chechnya, had denied any involvement in the school standoff, according to aides. There has been no word from Basayev, a longtime rebel warlord who had claimed involvement in bloody raids and hostage takings in the past.

Ustinov said 326 hostages were killed and 727 wounded in the attack, which ended Friday in a wave of explosions and gunfire. He said 210 bodies had been identified, and forensic workers were trying to identify 32 body fragments. The death toll could rise, Ustinov said.

## Messages of Support

★ By Tristan D. White, Dear men at war: I wrote this to encourage you to be strong. Because a real strong fighter is a real strong survivor, so keep your head up. Tristan

You are all in my prayers & thoughts. Mrs. Myron H. Berwick, PA

★ Dear Soldiers at War: Good luck. Stay safe. We are hoping for your peaceful return home to your families. Martace

★ I just want to say Thank you! We totally support you and we're very proud of you. God Bless! B. Dew, Council Bluffs, Iowa

★ I am a retired A.F. Wife. My hubby spent 28 yrs in the A.F. I just wanted to THANK YOU all for EVERY sacrifice you make for us back home! I do understand and appreciate ALL those sacrifices!! Without you, we would have NO freedom in the Country. Thank you from the deepest depths of my heart for Defending OUR Freedom. This Wife is behind everyone of you ALL the way!

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## Messages of Support

★ R. Oliver - Air Force. Dear Ryan, I hope and pray that when you do receive this note you are doing well. My name is Emma, I am a 63 years old grandmother from Lake Worth, Florida, and I want you to know that I have been praying for you, Amanda and your child since last February. I have also asked our 3 daughters, sons-in-law and 6 grandchildren to pray for you and your family. We also pray for your wonderful President for the GREAT men and women of our Armed forces that are serving their country so well, but we pray specifically for you every day by name that God will keep you safe not only from bodily harm but well in spirit and

emotionally and bring you home safe and sound when all of this is over. We are behind you all and are SO VERY PROUD OF YOU!! Please extend this message to all of your buddies. Do not be despair for the few people that are protesting and against this war, most of us know that this is necessary and must be done and we are behind you. With our love and prayers. Emma and Raul. FL

★ James Lessard: Rexford loves you! We are praying for you, every day; and your mom keeps us posted. God be with you!  
~BethVanSchick

## U.S. criticized for urging talks with separatists

MOSCOW — Russia criticized the United States on Wednesday for willingness to hold talks with Chechens agitating for independence and suggested the issue could harm bilateral relations.

Responding to a statement by U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said "we solve our internal problems ourselves and there's no need to search for an American route to political normalization in Chechnya," the Interfax news agency reported.

While joining in condemnation of last week's attack on a Russian school, the State Department said Tuesday that Russia ultimately must hold political talks with rebellious Chechen leaders.

— The Associated Press

## EU leader pledges to beef up AIDS fight

BY CONSTANT BRAND

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union head office said Wednesday that it would redouble efforts to stop the rise in HIV/AIDS cases across Europe, especially in Eastern European countries that joined the bloc this year.

EU Commissioner Pavel Telicka said political leadership, better coordination and better targeted funding was needed to stem the rise of new cases across Europe. He said cooperation also should be improved with neighboring countries like Russia and Balkan countries.

"The situation is deteriorating in Europe itself," Telicka told reporters. "HIV/AIDS is not just a problem for Africa and the developing world. We have a serious epidemic beginning to resurface right here in parts of Europe."

A report by the U.N. AIDS agency in July set alarm bells ringing in the EU. It warned the spread of the disease was rising again across the continent and neighboring Asian nations, putting the number of people now infected at 1.3 million compared with just 160,000 in 1995.

Telicka said the rise in infections was mostly driven by intravenous drug users in Eastern European countries, many of which joined the EU in May.

Russia, which neighbors the 25-nation bloc, is one of the worst hit countries in the region, with more than 3 million intravenous drug users.

But infections are also on the rise in Western Europe, particularly among homosexual or bisexual men.

"We have come to the conclusion that what we really need is a coordinated approach," Telicka said. "We need to address especially the prevention, which includes information, education, training, and greater awareness."

Improving the HIV/AIDS fight will be the focus of a conference next week in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Telicka said the meeting would discuss how to introduce "best practices" on the ground, boost research and improve surveillance, especially in EU countries worst hit by AIDS — Lithuania and Estonia.

Better access to needle exchange programs for drug users, voluntary AIDS tests and condom distribution among prostitutes are key objectives, according to AIDS activists.

Rain Veetoussmae, spokesman for the National Institute for Health Development in Tallinn, Estonia, said the biggest challenge for health officials there was changing people's attitudes on HIV/AIDS.

"Many people still think that this is a problem which can't touch them," he said. "It's seen as an issue for drug-users or the gay community so people just aren't afraid of getting infection."

Telicka said money set aside by the EU to fight the disease would have to be better spent, adding the EU has already allocated funds for malaria, tuberculosis and AIDS between 2001-2006.

"The more we are able to put up benchmarks, invest into prevention, the better," said Telicka.

# 19 killed in Turkey copper mine fire

BY SELCAN HACAOGLU

The Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — A fire raged through a copper mine in northern Turkey on Wednesday, killing 19 workers and injuring 17 others. Rescuers were searching the smoke-clogged shafts to make sure no one was left inside.

The miners were trapped nearly 500 feet beneath the surface when the blaze broke out Wednesday morning in the mine in the town of Kure, 185 miles north of the Turkish capital, Ankara.

Ilker Keremoglu, chief executive officer of STPA, an Istanbul-based company that owns the copper mine, said the fire started during welding inside.

It took rescuers four hours to douse the blaze. They needed military-issue gas masks to enter the smoke-filled mine in search of survivors, who had fled to the lower levels.

Relatives of the trapped miners waited for hours at the entrance of the mine for word of their loved ones, while ambulances and emergency vehicles drove into the hillside mine pit to pick up survivors.



Rescue workers assist a colleague who had been working to put out a fire that engulfed a copper mine Wednesday in Kure, Turkey. Nineteen miners died in the fire, and 17 others were injured.

AP

Seventeen miners, some suffering from smoke inhalation, and 19 bodies were brought to the surface by rescuers, the Anatolia news agency said.

Rescuers continued searching through the mine Wednesday evening to make sure that

no one was left inside.

Authorities used fans to disperse the smoke, which hampered rescue efforts, after the fire was extinguished.

Two rescuers were injured trying to reach the miners, private NTV television reported.



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## IN THE STATES

# White House unveils plan for intel director

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House unveiled plans Wednesday to give a new national intelligence director strong budgetary authority over much of the nation's intelligence community, a key provision in the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations.

President Bush intends to give the intelligence director full budget authority over the National Foreign Intelligence Program and "the management tools" to oversee the intelligence community and integrate foreign and domestic intelligence, the White House said in a statement.

The administration's plan

comes as the Senate prepares to start crafting its own legislation to address criticisms from the 9/11 commission that the nation's 15 different intelligence agencies did not work together properly to stop the 2001 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington.

Bush revealed his plans in a White House meeting with congressional leaders from both parties. Leaders were then briefed by Condoleezza Rice, the national security adviser.

The administration's plan would give the national intelligence director "sufficient authority" to not be a figurehead and really manage intelligence, said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, ranking Democrat on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee — which is writing the legislation the Senate will consider — also called the Bush recommendations "a very significant step."

Most members of the Senate seem to be behind creating a national intelligence director to oversee nonmilitary intelligence, and many have echoed the 9/11 commission's call for that person to have the ability to hire and fire leaders of the intelligence agencies and to control the money Congress provides those agencies.

On Wednesday, the White House said, "The president seeks intelligence reform legislation

that is consistent with the recommendations of the 9/11 commission."

Under the White House plan, a new national intelligence director would be appointed by the president, confirmed by the Senate and serve as the head of the intelligence community. The director would also be assisted by a new Cabinet-level Joint Intelligence Community Council, but the director would not sit in the president's Cabinet or be located in the president's executive office.

The new director would be able to allocate and shift funds within the intelligence community. But the White House did not go as far as saying that an intelligence director would be able to unilateral-

ly hire and fire people in the intelligence community, saying only the NID should "have a role in the appointment of any individual to a position that heads an organization or element within the intelligence community."

Intelligence leaders, however, "must receive the concurrence" of the intelligence director on appointments and presidential appointments "shall be accompanied by the recommendation" of the intelligence director, the White House said.

The Defense Department also would keep control of the National Security Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and the National Reconnaissance Office.

## Neb. judge: Partial-birth abortion ban is unconstitutional

BY KEVIN O'HANLON

The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Nebraska — A third federal judge ruled Wednesday that the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act is unconstitutional, saying it fails to include an exception when a woman's health is in danger.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Lincoln said that Congress ignored the most ex-

perienced doctors in determining that the banned procedure would never be necessary — a finding he found "unreasonable."

"According to responsible medical opinion, there are times when the banned procedure is medically necessary to preserve the health of a woman, and a respectful reading of the congressional record proves that point," Kopf wrote. "No reasonable and unbiased person could come to a differ-

ent conclusion."

The abortion ban was signed last year by President Bush but was not enforced because three federal judges, in Lincoln, New York and San Francisco, agreed to hear constitutional challenges in simultaneous non-jury trials.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Richard C. Casey in New York said the Supreme Court has made it clear that a banned pro-

cedure must allow an exception to preserve a woman's health — even as he ended the abortion procedure "ignominious, brutal, barbaric and uncivilized."

In June, U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton in San Francisco also found the law unconstitutional, saying it "poses an undue burden on a woman's right to choose an abortion."

All three decisions were expected to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

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# Genesis capsule crashes in desert

## Scientists fear impact destroyed samples taken from solar system

BY PAUL FOY

The Associated Press

**DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah** — The Genesis space capsule, which had orbited the sun for more than three years in an attempt to find clues to the origin of the solar system, crashed to Earth on Wednesday after its parachute failed to deploy.

It wasn't immediately known whether the cosmic samples had been destroyed. NASA officials believed the fragile disks that held the atoms would shatter even if the capsule hit the ground with a parachute.

"There was a big pit in my stomach," said physicist Roger Wiens of Los Alamos National Laboratory, which designed the atom collector plates. "This just wasn't supposed to happen. We're going to have a lot of work picking up the pieces."

Hollywood stunt pilots had taken off in helicopters to hook the parachute, but the refrigerated capsule — holding a set of fragile disks containing billions of atoms collected from solar wind — hit the desert floor without the parachute opening.

The capsule was returning after more than three years in space as part of six-year project that cost \$260 million.

The impact broke the capsule halfway underground. NASA engineers feared the explosive for the parachute might still be alive and ready to fire, keeping helicopter crews at bay.

"That presents a safety hazard to recovery crews," said Chris Jones, solar system exploration director for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The copters were supposed to snatch the capsule's parachute with a hook as it floated down at 400 feet a minute, or more than 6 feet per second. But the capsule tumbled out of control. It was supposed to be spinning at 15 revolutions a minute to slice evenly through the atmosphere, but camera images showed it tumbling instead.

Scientists hoped the capsule's charged atoms — a "billion billion" of them — would reveal clues about the origin and evolution of our solar system, said Don Burnett, Genesis principal investigator and a nuclear geochemist at California Institute of Technology.



The Genesis space capsule is shown after it crashed into the desert at the Dugway Proving Ground in Utah on Wednesday. The capsule was carrying billions of atoms that may have revealed clues about the origin and evolution of the solar system.

"We have for years wanted to know the composition of the sun," Burnett said before the crash. He said scientists had expected to analyze the material "one atom at a time."

Genesis had been moving in tandem with Earth outside its magnetic shield on three orbits of the sun.

Cliff Fleming, the lead helicopter pilot, and backup pilot Dan Rudert had replicated the retrieval in dozens of practice runs.

The Genesis mission, launched

in 2001, marked the first time NASA has collected any objects from farther than the moon for retrieval to Earth, said Roy Haggard, Genesis' flight operations chief and CEO of Vertigo Inc., which designed the capture system.

Together, the charged atoms captured over 884 days on the capsule's disks of gold, sapphire, diamond and silicone were no bigger than a few grains of salt, but scientists say that would be enough to reconstruct the chemical origin of the sun and its family of planets.

## Frances damaged up to \$1B of agriculture

The Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Hurricane Frances may have damaged \$800 million to \$1 billion worth of Florida agriculture as it cut through, nearly half the states farms, according to preliminary estimates.

Frances made landfall in the heart of the Indian River Citrus District on the Atlantic Coast where most of Florida's \$205 million grapefruit crop is grown.

The state Department of Agriculture was still assessing the damage and didn't expect firm estimates until later this week.

About 20,000 farms were in the path of Frances, said Liz Compton, a spokeswoman for the Florida Department of Agriculture.

"We know that on the citrus side, that the fresh fruit industry is probably looking at some severe losses," said Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, who planned to tour ravaged areas on Wednesday.

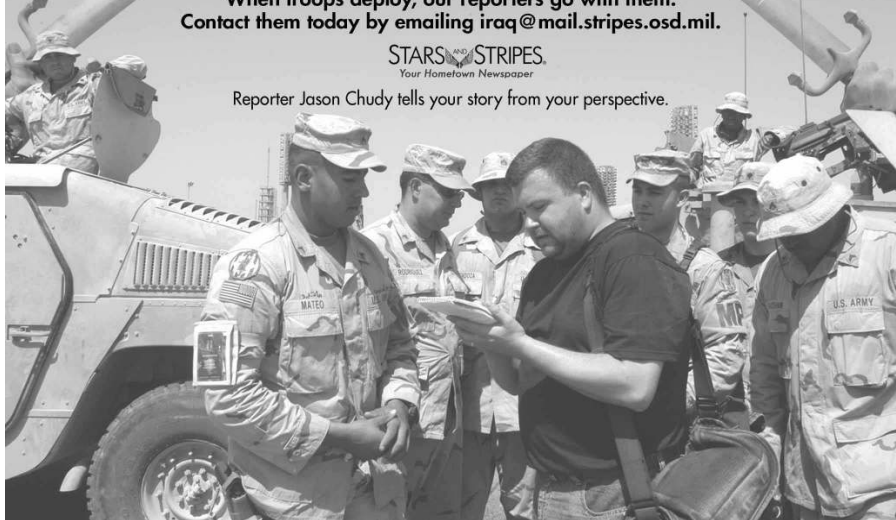
Florida produces three-quarters of the grapefruit in the United States, which is the world's largest producer of the fruit.

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# Kerry: Bush led U.S. in wrong direction on Iraq

BY MARY DALRYMPLE  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sen. John Kerry, at the site where President Bush described Iraq as a threat to the United States, was arguing the president left a trail of broken promises on the path to war and squandered money that could be put to better use at home.

"George W. Bush's wrong choices have led America in the wrong direction on Iraq and left America without the resources we need here at home," the Democratic presidential candidate said in remarks prepared for delivery Wednesday.

"I would not have made the wrong choices that are forcing us to pay nearly the entire cost of this war — more than \$200 billion that we're not investing in educa-

tion, health care and job creation here at home."

The speech showed Kerry shifting from a defensive stance, fending off charges of inconsistencies on the war, to an aggressive challenge of Bush's decisions in the run-up and aftermath of war.

Linking the choice to go to war with its budgetary consequences, Kerry sought to tie Iraq to health care, education, jobs and other areas where Kerry says the administration followed a misguided path.

In a speech at the Cincinnati Museum Center in 2002, Bush made a case for removing Saddam Hussein from power. He called the Iraqi leader a "murderous tyrant" who may be plotting to attack the United States with biological and chemical weapons.

The address opened debate in Congress that eventually led to a vote authorizing the president to use force against Iraq, a resolution that Kerry supported.

The Kerry campaign said Bush's argument for war was laced with assertions later ignored or proved untrue.

Bush said he would pursue diplomatic solutions in Iraq. Kerry says he rushed to war. Bush said he would build a coalition of allies; Kerry says the United States bears virtually all the war's cost, in lives lost and dollars spent.

Bush said Iraq was developing nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, but U.S. forces never found stockpiled weapons of mass destruction. Bush said Iraq supported al-Qaida's designs against the United States, but the Sept. 11 commission found no active collaboration between them.

Editor's note: Three times a week, The Associated Press picks an issue and asks the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates a question about it.

## On the issues



Should the Patriot Act be changed to strengthen anti-terrorism protections, civil liberties or both? If so, how?

### President Bush



"The USA Patriot Act is a powerful tool in the war on terror.

Passed with sweeping bipartisan support in 2001, it provides law enforcement and intelligence communities with some of the same tools we used to fight drug kingpins and organized crime, and allows for the enhanced coordination and information-sharing necessary to fight terrorism. The Patriot Act has already been used to help

break up terror cells in New York, Oregon and Virginia. Safeguards for civil liberties, including traditional judicial review, are built into the Patriot Act. Not a single civil liberties violation associated with Patriot Act has been cited by the Inspector General. Because it has been used effectively and responsibly, I have called upon the United States Congress to promptly renew the expiring provisions of the Patriot Act."

### Sen. John Kerry



"We're going to crush the terrorists and make sure that here at home and around the world we have every tool to get them before they get us. As president, I will defend our liberty and our security at home as well as abroad. I will appoint an Attorney General who values and protects constitutional freedoms, I believe some provisions of the Patriot Act — like the money laundering provisions — must be made stronger. Others — like the library and

"sneak-and-peek" search provisions — must be made smarter, to better protect the freedom of law-abiding patriotic Americans while allowing our government to do everything necessary to track down terrorists and defend America. As president, I will ensure that the American government is open and responsive to the needs and inquiries of Congress and the public, offering enough information to hold the government accountable without compromising our security."

AP

## Cheney says 'wrong choice' in election risks terrorist attack

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Vice President Dick Cheney says the United States will risk another terrorist attack if voters make the wrong choice on Election Day, suggesting Sen. John Kerry would follow a pre-Sept. 11, 2001, policy of reacting defensively.

"It's absolutely essential that eight weeks from today, on Nov. 2, we make the right choice, because if we make the wrong choice, then the danger is that we'll get hit again and we'll be hit in a way that will be devastating from the standpoint of the United States," Cheney told supporters at a town-hall meeting Tuesday.

Democrats reacted quickly.

"Dick Cheney's scare tactics crossed the line today, showing once again that he and George Bush, said a statement issued by vice presidential candidate John Edwards.

"Protecting America from vicious terrorists is not a Democratic or Republican issue, and Dick Cheney and George Bush should know that. John Kerry and I will keep America safe, and we will not divide the American people to do it."

If Kerry were elected president, Cheney said the nation would risk falling back into a "pre-9/11 mind-set" that terrorist attacks are criminal acts that require a reactive approach.

Instead, he said Bush's offensive approach works to root out terrorists where they plan and train, and pressure countries that harbor terrorists.

Cheney pointed to Afghanistan as a success story in pursuing terrorists although the Sept. 11 mastermind, Osama bin Laden, remains at large. In Iraq, the vice president said, the United States has taken out a leader who used weapons of mass destruction against his own people and harbored other terrorists.

## No Bush endorsement

WASHINGTON — The Republican Party's largest gay and lesbian organization, which endorsed President Bush in 2000, is withholding its endorsement of the president for re-election because of his support for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

The national board of Log Cabin Republicans voted 22-2 Tuesday night to hold back the endorsement and called Bush "disloyal" to the 1 million gay men and lesbian women who it

said supported his candidacy four years ago.

"It is impossible to overstate the depth of anger and disappointment caused by the president's support for an antihumanity constitutional amendment. This amendment would not only ban gay marriage, it would also jeopardize civil unions and domestic partnerships," Log Cabin political director Chris Barron said.

The group also denounced what it called "the continued flip-flops on gay and lesbian issues" by Democratic nominee Sen. John Kerry.

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# Court: Artists should pay for sampling

BY JOHN GEROME

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A federal appeals court ruled Tuesday that rap artists should pay for every musical sample included in their work — even minor, unrecognizable snippets of music.

Lower courts had already ruled that artists must pay when they sample another artists' work. But it has been legal to use musical snippets — a note here, a chord there — as long as it wasn't identifiable.

The decision by a three-judge panel of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati gets rid of that distinction. The court said federal laws aimed at stopping piracy of recordings applies to digital sampling.

## 3-judge panel says using snippets of songs violates anti-piracy laws

"If you cannot pirate the whole sound recording, can you 'lift' or 'sample' something less than the whole? Our answer to that question is in the negative," the court said.

"Get a license or do not sample. We do not see this as stifling creativity in any significant way."

Some observers questioned whether the court's opinion is too restrictive, especially for rap and hip-hop artists who often rhyme over samples of music taken from older recordings.

"It seems a little extreme to me," said James Van Hook, dean of Belmont University's Mike

Curb College of Entertainment and Music Business. "When something is identifiable, that is the key."

The case at issue is one of at least 800 lawsuits filed in Nashville over lifting snippets of music from older recordings for new music.

The case centers on the NWA song "100 Miles and Runnin'" which samples a three-note guitar riff from "Get Off Your Ass and Jam" by '70s funk-master George Clinton and Funkadelic.

In the two-second sample, the guitar pitch has been lowered, and the copied piece was

"looped" and extended to 16 beats. The sample appears five times in the new song.

NWA's sample was included in the 1998 movie "I Got the Hook Up," starring Master P and produced by his movie company, No Limit Films.

No Limit Films has argued that the sample was not protected by copyright law. Bridgeport Music and Westbound Records, which claim to own the copyrights for the Funkadelic song, appealed the lower court's summary judgment in favor of No Limit Films.

The lower court in 2002 said that the riff in Clinton's song was entitled to copyright protection, but the sampling "did not rise to the level of legally cognizable appropriation."

The appeals court disagreed, saying a recording artist who acknowledges sampling may be liable, even when the source of a sample is unrecognizable.

Noting that No Limit Films "had not disputed that it digitally sampled a copyrighted sound recording," the appeals court sent the case back to the lower court.

Richard Busch, attorney for Westbound Records and Bridgeport Music, said he was pleased with the ruling.

Robert Sullivan, attorney for No Limit Films, did not return a phone call to his office.

## Plant stops producing bombs over health risk

BY RICHARD GREEN

The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The McAlester Army Ammunition Plant has stopped producing 2,000-pound bunker-buster bombs after 23 workers who filled the devices with TNT became anemic, officials said Tuesday.

Dust from the explosive can destroy red blood cells and limit the amount of oxygen the blood can carry.

"The health, safety and well-being of our employees is our first concern," said Col. Gary B. Carney, the plant commander.

In recent weeks, 23 out of the 34 workers assigned to produce the bombs became anemic. Those who became anemic are expected to recover fully because they are no longer being exposed to the TNT dust, plant spokesman Mark Hughes said.

Plant officials say what can be done to protect workers who build the bombs. A \$350,000 air scrubber is planned for the building where the employees worked, Hughes said.

The building is not air-conditioned, and temperatures inside can reach more than 100 degrees. Plant officials believe dust laden with explosive powder settled on workers while they were sweating.

The employees were working to fill an order from the Air Force for bombs designed to penetrate the ground and destroy underground command and control bunkers.

This is the first time the plant has had this kind of medical problem, Hughes said.

## Study: Alcoholism, depression linked to the same gene

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Scientists say they've identified a gene that appears to be linked to both alcoholism and depression, a finding that may one day help identify those at higher risk for the diseases and guide new treatments.

Previous studies of twins and adopted siblings have suggested there likely are genes in common underlying alcoholism and depression, and that the two disorders seem to run in families. But the lead researcher of the new study says this is the first report of a specific gene that seems to increase risk for both disorders.

"Clinicians have observed a connection between these two disorders for years, so we are excited to have found what could be a molecular underpinning for that association," said Alison Goate, the Washington University School of Medicine researcher who led the study. The study is in September's Human Molecular Genetics.

Stars and Stripes

## Messages of Support

★ Keep your heart and hope to the skies. Peace is close by. Thank you for all your devoted daily trials and tribulations along the way to the peace we all shall soon endure. & Greetings from New York

★ Jen, Grace, and I all love you very much. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you. Come home soon! Your brother - Ken.

★ this message is for all the troops at war! our hearts and prayers are with you for a safe victorious return. show em what ya got!!!! Anne

★ Greetings from Glendale, AZ. I just wanted to thank you all for the great job you are doing. I want you to know that you are in my prayers at bedtime and in the morning when I awake. Thanks for all you are doing to keep our country free. Love The Silva Family

★ DEAR SON, WE ALL MISS YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU AND ALL THE OTHERS THAT ARE SACRIFICING THEIR LIVES FOR FREEDOM OF OTHERS. KEEP YOUR HEAD UP AND TRY IN GOD FOR YOUR DAILY NEEDS. LOVE, MOM

★ To our son and all military and news personnel- We support you, we are proud of you and we pray for your safe return. Nancy Stipes

★ To our heroes: Whatever your position, you are in our prayers night and day. We pray for your safe return and will care for your families. You make us proud!

★ S. Sanders, you are always in our thoughts and prayers. We love you very much. Ken, Jen, and Grace.



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## Kerry sign burnings

**CA** SACRAMENTO — Jerry Schweitzer has a burnt patch in his yard where his "Veterans for Kerry" sign recently stood.

"With elections, there are always some shenanigans," he said, "but when you start fires, you never know what can happen."

A police spokeswoman said they have no record of other sign burnings.

Don Faller, a local Bush-Cheney campaign official, said he was surprised and sorry to hear of a sign burning, but added that sign stealing is "part of the game, as we see it. Whatever can happen to a yard sign, will happen to a yard sign," he said.

## Running over snow

**CO** BRECKENRIDGE — It seemed more like the Iditarod dog sled race than a marathon.

Runners in the 10th annual Breckenridge Crest Mountain Marathon and trail races in this popular ski town had to run through 8-inch snowdrifts and 40 mph wind.

"The trail would get those little drifts of snow. It was eight inches in places. A few times out there, seriously, we could have used snowshoes," said runner Danelle Ballen-goe.

Many runners, including some of the top contestants, turned around at the 13-mile mark.

Dave Mackey won. "I had the right clothes," he said, standing at the finish line sipping hot chocolate and nursing bloody hands and blisters. "If everybody's bundled up right, they'll be fine up there if they just keep moving." But he added, "It was really brutal because we're going downhill into the wind running through drifts."

## SWAT storms jail

**FL** PANAMA CITY — Inmates waiting a jail nurse hostage threatened to torture and kill her, prompting a SWAT team to storm the building, authorities said.

Inmates had taken over the six-story Bay County Jail's third-floor infirmary, and one of them was holding a scalpel to the nurse's neck when the SWAT team and armed jailers ended an 11-hour standoff, said sheriff's spokesman Ruth Sasser.

"We had pandemonium and chaos," she said. "Instead of allowing them to torture her and kill her, we were going in."

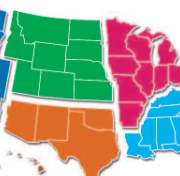
The nurse, who was accidentally shot by the SWAT team in the leg and back, remained hospitalized in stable condition, Sasser said. A sheriff's negotiator had won the release of three employees before the SWAT team stormed the building, officials said.

The hostages — three female nurses and a male guard — worked for Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corporation of America, which operates the jail under contract with the county.

## Gymnast's gold celebrated

**TX** ALLEN — Thousands lined the streets of Carly Patterson's adopted hometown, honoring the 16-year-old gymnast who joined Mary Lou Retton as the only American woman to win the all-around gold.

All along the parade route, resi-



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dents screamed with delight as the Allen High School marching band played and Carly smiled and waved from the back seat of a convertible. Police estimated the crowd at 10,000.

"It's just really great to come home to Allen," Carly said later at a celebration rally inside the school gymnasium. "I'm really glad to live here and have this much support from the whole town and everything."

Since winning the gold — along with a team silver and an individual silver on the balance beam — Carly has been a presenter at MTV's Video Music Awards and hobnobbed on television with Jay Leno, David Letterman and Ellen DeGeneres. Already a familiar face on McDonald's cups, she was to be featured on special-edition boxes of Wheaties.

## New no-kill policy

**IL** CHICAGO — Cages filled with stray cats and dogs line six small, noisy rooms at the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society — and while some of the animals will end up in homes, others will be euthanized.

That practice will end this fall. In November, the society will begin shipping its strays to city shelters, which will take over euthanizing the unadoptable pets.

After a five-day waiting period, in case the animal is a lost pet,

healthy strays will return to the society, where they will be put up for adoption.

Shelters across the nation are increasingly shunning the common practice of euthanizing animals to make space for more. Supporters say such "no-kill shelters" are the only humane way to treat homeless cats and dogs. But others in the field say the policy is impractical and serves only to shift the burden of euthanizing animals to other shelters.

## Playing to win

**PA** SCRANTON — Residents of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties in northeastern Pennsylvania buy more lottery tickets per capita than anyone else in the state, according to the Department of Revenue.

Experts and lottery officials cite the popularity of instant games in the region, the outsize number of retailers, and the fact that both counties are struggling economically as reasons for the lottery's success.

Lackawanna County residents spent more than \$41 million on lottery tickets between January and Aug. 18. If the pace continues, the county's 210,458 residents will spend an average of \$312 each.

Luzerne County residents will spend an average of \$304, second among the state's 67 counties.

The statewide average is \$194.

## Child killed by bus

**TX** HOUSTON — A 4-year-old girl died when a school bus ran over her moments after she met her brother, who had just gotten off the bus after school, officials said.

Fatima Romero and her father went to meet Fatima's 7-year-old brother in front of their home when the accident happened.

As Fatima's brother and other students exited the bus, the girl slipped away from her father and darted to a side of the bus without the driver seeing her, sheriff's Capt. Paul Cordova said.

She was run over as the bus driver pulled off, he said.

## Remember his name

**NC** HENDERSONVILLE — Everybody may not know his name, but U.S. Senate candidate Richard Burr is making sure constituent Barbara Hughes does. Eight months ago, Burr's name didn't register with Hughes.

"Burr who?" Hughes, 47, was quoted as asking in a newspaper interview published in March.

Burr, a Republican congressman, and Democrat Erskine Bowles are running for the U.S. Senate seat that vice presidential candidate John Edwards will vacate.

Soon Hughes will know exactly who Burr planned to visit her shop Narnia Studios.

The day after the article was published, Burr called Hughes.

"He said, 'I just wanted to introduce myself,'" Hughes said.

Then, Burr's office contacted Hughes and said the congressman wanted to meet her.

Hughes was impressed. "I think this is a lot of effort for him to come meet one voter," said Hughes, a registered Republican who describes herself as an independent voter. "My husband is a Democrat and he said, 'I think I'll vote for Richard Burr.'"



## Bumpy ride

As others walk, a mountain biker braves a section of the upper switchback trail in Jim Thorpe, Pa. The area has about 100 miles of trails from flat, riverside trails for beginners to extremely technical trails.



## Marching along

Donna Charles, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and representing Trinidad, marches in the annual West Indian American Day Carnival Parade along Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn.



## That's gonna hurt

Troy Carnes of Columbus, Ohio, is thrown by a bull during the bullriding event at the Klein Rodeo in Grant, Mich.



## Clean cut

Jed Burns of Grayback Forestry thins timber outside Rudy, Ore. With wildfires sparing much of the West this summer, private contract firefighters such as Burns have had little work on fire lines. Grayback Forestry has been able to find work on wildfire danger reduction projects such as this one.





## Reunion for machinery

Dan Pasker, of Toledo, Ohio, fills the water tank of a 1912 Avery steam-powered tractor at the Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. The reunion included antique steam-powered tractors and their collectors.



## Ending summer with a splash

Blair Gratz, 6, of Pittsburgh, gets in a last splash of summer at Sandcastle water park in West Homestead, Pa.



## Falconry fun

Unity College student Andrew Fleming of Fairfax, Va., poses with his red-tailed hawk, Belle, in a field near Unity, Maine. Fleming plans to pursue his love of falconry in addition to his collegiate studies.

## Baby survives on own

**TX** AUSTIN — A 6-month-old girl survived for as long as five days alone near the body of her dead father, according to police.

Asia McCoy was recovering in Brackenridge Hospital.

The baby was found on the floor near the body of Willard McCoy, 41. The cause of his death is being investigated but not as a homicide, police said.

Officers at first thought Asia was dead.

"I've been a police officer for nine years. I've seen a lot of death. She definitely appeared dead," said Blain Eiben, an Austin police officer.

The officers cleaned out the infant's nose and mouth, poured water on her and rubbed her back until she started making noise.

Asia was discovered when police responded to a welfare call after neighbors hadn't seen her or her father for days.

## Curb on bikers

**RI** PROVIDENCE — Motorcycle enthusiasts love to hang out on Thayer Street, on Providence's East Side. But residents aren't too enthusiastic about having them around anymore.

Police are giving tickets more often and pulling over riders before they even reach Thayer Street, according to bikers. And the City Council in June tightened its noise ordinance to ban excessive engine revving and altered mufflers.

City Councilwoman Rita Williams, who represents College Hill, said she sleeps with earplugs in her home near the Brown University stadium. She has proposed banning motorcycles from parking on much of the street.

Bikers say they're being singled out by wealthy property owners, politicians and the police.

Thayer Street is one of the few areas that remains aglow with lights and people well into the night.

## Digital dissecting

**VA** RICHMOND — Grace Kendall knew back in seventh grade she didn't want to cut open a preserved frog.

Her teacher allowed her to use a computer alternative, and she has declined to dissect ever since.

Now a junior at Stafford High School, Grace is glad that Virginia has enacted laws allowing students to opt out of dissecting fetal piglets, earthworms or other animals.

Starting this academic year, all Virginia students must be told they can decline to dissect without penalty and instructors must provide them with alternative learning tools, including computer programs, Internet tutorials and plastic models.

Virginia is among nine states that require school districts to provide dissection alternatives. Florida was the first to pass such a law, in 1985, followed by California in 1988. New Jersey is also considering similar legislation. Argentina, India and Israel are among nations that have banned dissection in schools.

## 2 kids run over, killed

**KS** WICHITA — Two young girls left unattended in an

ilding car were killed when the vehicle slipped into gear and ran over them after they fell out, police said.

A 4-year-old girl was struck as the vehicle — which had been in the driveway of a house — rolled into the street, said police Capt. Darrell Haynes.

A second girl, age 2, was hit after the car bounced against a curb on the street, he said.

Authorities did not release the children's names. Haynes said they were not siblings.

## Cherokees get political

**OK** TAHLEQUAH — Cherokees should not forget the Trail of Tears and should be watchful of U.S. government policies that erode their nation's sovereignty, the Cherokees' tribal chief said. In his State of the Nation address, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith said members must become involved in the U.S. political process to protect the sovereignty of the federally recognized tribe.

Deputy Principal Chief Joe Grayson Jr. said Cherokees need to elect Indians to state and federal office to protect their rights.

Some 4,000 Cherokees perished on the notorious Trail of Tears during the tribe's 800-mile forced march to Oklahoma in 1838-39, after President Andrew Jackson ordered tens of thousands of American Indians to move west of the Mississippi River.

## Anti-abortion sign OK'd

**PA** PAXTANG — The Borough Council will allow a couple to keep an anti-abortion sign on their front porch, withdrawing an earlier warning to remove it or face a fine or jail time.

The metal sign on Colman and Frances Wessel's front porch rail has a picture of Jesus and says, "This home supports the pro-life cause and is dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus."

Colman Wessel said the borough's reversal was a relief.

Brian Seneca, borough code enforcement officer, had told the Wessels that the sign violated the ordinance, and ordered them to remove it or face a fine up to \$500 or imprisonment for up to 60 days. The ordinance permits signs for public, religious and charitable institutions, parks, schools and similar uses, as long as they don't exceed 12 square feet. The Wessels sign measures less than 7 square feet.

## Climber falls to death

**WY** GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK — An experienced climber died on Grand Teton National Park's 11,618-foot Disappointment Peak when his rappel anchor failed and he fell 50 feet, officials said.

Frank Olding, 40, of Seattle, died of traumatic injuries, the National Park Service said.

As Olding began to rappel back down, his anchor failed and he fell, Park spokesman Jack Stager said. Climbing partner Adam Heiner rappelled alone farther down the mountain until he found a hiker with a cell phone and called for help at about 3 p.m., Stager said.

Olding had died by the time rangers reached him.

Stories and photos from wire services



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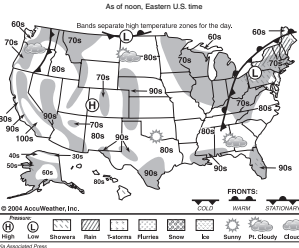
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## FACES 'N' PLACES

### Yet another premiere for Smith

As long as the crowds keep coming, Will Smith will be ready to walk down the red carpet to promote his latest movie.



Smith

Two months after "I, Robot," his new summer hit, opened in theaters across the United States, he was in Tokyo for yet another gala premiere.

"When people are enjoying the movie, you don't ever want to stop doing premieres," the actor-rapper said in an interview.

"You want to be going to different cities and countries and continents all over the globe. We have another one in South Africa."

In "I, Robot," Smith plays a detective in 2035 who suspects a robot has murdered the reclusive scientist responsible for technological innovations that have populated the world with machine servants vaguely resembling humans.

Smith said his next movie, a romantic comedy tentatively titled "Hitch," is due out in February. He's also planning to release a new album worldwide in January.

### Cruising through Croatia

Some visitors to the ancient Croatian city of Dubrovnik got an unexpected souvenir: a photo with **Tom Cruise**, who came for a brief visit after promoting his new movie, "Collateral," at the Venice Film Festival.

Cruise told reporters he was "fascinated" with Dubrovnik, a picturesque southern coastal city whose ancient walls, fortresses and churches have attracted tourists for decades.

"I'll certainly be back," he was quoted as saying in daily newspapers on Tuesday.

The 42-year-old actor toured the city and the nearby wooded island of Mljet almost unattended. When reporters spotted him sitting by the monument of Dubrovnik's famous poet, **Ivan Gundulić**, he briefly spoke to them, signed autographs and posed for a few photos.

### Madonna tells fans to 'Imagine'

Madonna drew massive applause from a sold-out crowd at Paris' Bercy stadium when she showed a cover version of **John Lennon's** peace ode "Imagine."

Addressing the audience midway through her Sunday-night show, Madonna spoke briefly about the backstage-taking at a school in the southern city of Beslan that left at least 330 dead. Officials have blamed the deadly attack on Chechens and other Islamic militants.

As video images of war and children were broadcast behind her on giant screens, the 46-year-old pop diva urged fans to think about what happened in Russia and about Lennon's lyrics.

### Sad songs and upbeat sad songs

For an upbeat guy, **Alan Jackson** sure sings a lot of sad songs.

About half of the 12 tracks on his new album, "What I Do," is just happiness that way," said Jackson, who speaks in the same lazy drawl that he sings in. "It wasn't anything planned. Even some of the lighter songs are about that same subject. But that's always been my favorite kind of song anyway."

"What I Do" is Jackson's 14th album and follows the triple platinum "Greatest Hits Volume II" collection.

Long after most of his contemporaries have faded, he remains one of Nashville's biggest stars. He snagged a leading seven awards nominations last month from the Country Music Association, including one for entertainer of the year.

The new album, on which Jackson wrote five of the 12 tracks, is often melancholy. He sings about a failing relationship in "You Don't Have to Paint Me a Picture," learning to love again in "There You Go" and the pain of losing a loved one in "Strong Enough."

Jackson is heartbroken, but still funny, on "If French Fries Were Fat Free," singing in the chorus, "If French fries were fat free and you still loved me/What a wonderful world this would be."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

# Shyning through

## New York rapper delivers new album from jail

BY JIM FARBER

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — He's locked up in a maximum-security prison on a 10-year sentence. But rapper **Jamal "Shyne" Barrow** doesn't see why that has to dampen his career.

"It's like Ray Charles or Stevie Wonder: they had their handicaps," the hip-hop star says over the phone from the

Clinton State Correctional Facility in update New York. "It didn't stop them from making their music."

Some would say Shyne will only make a bigger mark with his new album in stores this week, given his, shall we say, colorful circumstances.

In an era when 50 Cent gains great street cred for having survived being shot nine times, Shyne's stretch in the slammer gives him a terrific marketing hook.

Even better for PR purposes, the case that landed him in jail was one of the most-covered trials of the last few years stemming from an infamous 1999 incident involving Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, his then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez, and his then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez, a headshot at a Manhattan club.

It hasn't hurt Shyne's notoriety that the 25-year-old has recently given several angry interviews in which he blamed his hard sentence on Combs, who was acquitted on all charges.

While the rapper allows that all the "drama brings the intrigue and attention" to him, he insists that "if it was so simple, every tough guy would sell records. It's about the music."

And right now, no one has hotter music than Shyne. His first CD since going to prison is expected to hit No. 1 on next week's Billboard Top 200 album chart.

Shyne's new CD, titled "Godfather Buried Alive," is his second album overall, and his first since he struck a deal with Island Records said to be worth \$3 million.

Shyne inked with Island, he says, because they offered him his own label, Gangland Records, and because "they have a history of joint ventures, with Murder Inc. and Rock-A-Fella Records."

"They gave me the autonomy I needed."

"Autonomy" may sound odd coming from a prisoner, but Shyne says he's able to do most of his business there unencumbered. While the overwhelming majority of his album was recorded at the end of his trial in 2001, one cut sounds distinctly like it was recorded over the phone.

Shyne will neither confirm nor deny that.

"I don't want the powers that be to get too curious about my activities," he says.

Shyne, before he went to jail on assault charges.

### A highly charged night out

On Dec. 27, 1999, Sean "Puffy" Combs, his then-girlfriend Jennifer Lopez, Jamal "Shyne" Barrow and their entourage parted into the night at a Times Square hot spot, Club New York.

Witnesses said a fight between Combs' party and a patron ensued. Guns were drawn, shots were fired, three bystanders were hit, including a woman shot in the nose.

Lopez was cleared of any involvement. Combs and his bodyguard Anthony Jones were charged with crimes ranging from illegal gun possession to bribery, the latter charge stemming from allegations of a coverup. Shyne was booked on a range of counts including attempted murder.

Combs and Jones were exonerated. Barrow was acquitted of the most serious crimes — attempted murder and intentional assault — but was found guilty on five lesser counts and sentenced to 10 years.

The lyrics probably won't help Shyne's dealings with the law. They roll with righteous fury at the justice system. He says that's because they were recorded when "I was facing 25 years. There were no restrictions. I poured my soul out over those beats."

While Shyne could have gone down for attempted murder, he was found guilty of five charges including assault, reckless endangerment and weapons possession.

The rapper isn't up for parole until early 2009. But he's armed with new lawyers (including Alan Dershowitz), and they're seeking a new trial, buttressed by fresh witnesses.

Shyne thinks the problem with his first trial was that he agreed to use the same legal team paid for by Combs.

"I was fighting against Combs' defense," he says. "People were injured, so somebody had to go to jail. At end of the day, it wasn't going to be [Combs] because he was paying the lawyers. I never had a chance."

Shyne blames Combs for "telling the jury I was just another artist on his label and that there was no danger that night."

This matters, says Shyne, because it undercut his justification for drawing his gun at the club: that he was righteously defending a friend who'd been threatened.

"When you're a friend you have a duty to that person," he says. "People said, 'Why didn't you leave the club?' How could I leave when my friend, who I lived with at the time, was in danger?"

Combs declined to comment on Shyne's point of view, but he told Vibe magazine he felt his former protégé was scapegoating him for his unfavorable verdict.

Shyne feels he gained street cred for "not getting on the stand and selling anyone out."

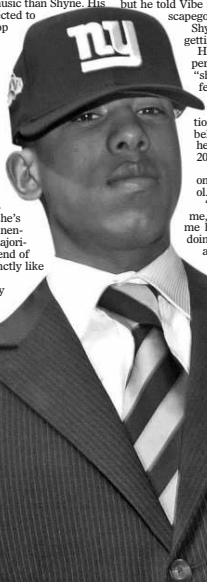
He believes that's part of why so many rappers have given him encouraging "shoot-outs" on their records over the last few years, including Kanye West, Fat Joe and Nas. While many rappers who go to prison fade from view, Shyne's reputation has only grown. He says many major labels tried to sign him several years ago, but he only began entertaining offers in late 2003.

Before that, Shyne says he was working on his appeal — and on getting past his vitriol.

"If I held the anger, it would have stunted me," he says. "Looking at everyone around me here, [you see] some really young guys doing life who never got to live. Thinking about all I've got to do and all the women I've bedded, it was hard for me to stay bitter."



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## Dump DCUs for civilians

Two recent letters—"How civilians appear to others" (Sept. 3) and "Civilians in uniform" (Sept. 7)—have complained about civilians wearing desert camouflage uniforms. They say some civilians' personal grooming standards, hygiene, and/or uniform appearance reflect negatively on all Americans in theater, both civilian and military.

Having been deployed to both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, I cannot disagree with the observations that the standards and appearance of some civilians do not match those of military personnel. But I have observed significant variations in the appearance of military members, ranging from good to bad. For most individuals, there are probably valid reasons why at a particular time and place they look less than the poster image of a military member in DCUs. And for some, a small minority I think, they will always be below standards.

Maybe the time has come to review the reasons for having civilians wear desert camouflage or battle dress uniforms in theater. If these reasons are no longer valid or not significantly important to offset any negative view of the U.S. military in the press/OIF theaters, the time has come to change or do away with the regulation that requires civilians to wear the DCU/BDU. While a deployed civilian, wearing the DCU was not my choice or preference.

*George Blackwell  
 Grafenwoehr, Germany*

## Don't twist Bush's words

I understand that Stars and Stripes, as most every media outlet, has a left-leaning agenda, but please stop insulting our intelligence. I understand that the Democratic Party does to every chance it gets. Your headline "Bush: Terror war must be fought even if unwinnable" (Aug. 31) was not only twisting his words and meaning, but also insulting to our readers.

Of course the war on terror isn't winnable, just as the war on drugs isn't. Will there always be people who are so short-sighted that they take drugs, and because of the law of supply and demand, someone to produce those drugs. Likewise, there will always be hate-mongers who sow dissent, distrust and violence as long as there are people willing to listen and obey them. The war on terror will never end, but it will subside to the point where hate groups have hardly any place on earth that will allow them to survive, let alone mount an attack. These people, who use terror because of their inability to get their point across by any other means, must be shown that their ways are futile and any attempt to bully others into submission will result in their doom.

That will be what will happen in the war on terror: Governments will finally decide that it is in their best interest to join the civilized world and not allow these people to build camps, schools, and, yes, even churches, for the purpose of spreading hate. That is what the president meant, you know it and your readers know it.

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I am not asking you to lean to the right. Far from it. I would prefer if you could find a backbone and try standing in the middle.

**Chief Warrant Officer 2  
 Robert Willis  
 Ramstein Air Base, Germany**

## Accepting responsibility

I opened the Sept. 2 Stars and Stripes and began my journey on keeping apprised of issues affecting the world and my home. I started by reading the News Tracker, and was shocked to read the second story, "Oklahoma bridge collapse." The story was about the National Transportation Safety Board's review of the tragic 14 bridge collapse over the Arkansas River near Webers Falls, Okla., in 2002. The article said that the NTSB found that the incident could have been averted if an alert system was installed, because the tugboat crew would have been alerted that the ship's pilot had fainted.

Well then, why don't we install a warning device on every Americans' bed, warning the occupiers that when they wake up, they run the risk of being injured or killed if they leave their bed?

The article went on to state that a warning device could have also warned oncoming motorists of the danger of the bridge collapse. Gee, could have responsible driving also helped in the possible avoidance? Granted, nothing could have been done to aid those travelers on the span at the time of collapse, but the article sounds like people should have had ESP to avoid the broken bridge.

I am a police officer when not on active duty with the Army Reserve. One of my biggest complaints is when a situation could have been avoided just by common sense. I have been proven just how many issues in this world. Accept responsibility for your actions and stop trying to blame someone else or have the government assess blame.

**Stgt. Steven J. Van Erden  
 Camp Doha, Kuwait**

## AAFES and pennies

I am a civilian contractor working in Iraq, who like many others must shop at Army and Air Force Exchange Service stores for items I need. I have been to several AAFES stores in Kuwait and Iraq, and have noticed that AAFES is literally taking money straight out of our pockets.

I am referring to the cardboard money it gives its customers. On several occasions, I have given cash and received these tokens as change. They do this so you will have to either go back to an AAFES store or an AAFES affiliate, such as Burger King or Pizza Hut, to spend it. When I brought it to the attention of the AAFES manager of the site, I was told, Congress approved it so you either accept it or don't shop here.

Furthermore, at Camp Victory, I recently purchased supplies and paid in cash. I was supposed to receive \$5.38 for the purchase, but was given \$5.35. I asked for the other three cents and was told, "We don't have any pennies." I know you're saying, "It's only three cents, but they're doing this to almost every person over change."

Look at it this way. If each person is owed 38 cents and they only give you 35, AAFES has gained three cents. If that happens to 300 people, AAFES has made \$9 that day. Multiply that by 30 days and you get \$27 for the month. Multiply that by 12 months and you get \$3240 for the year. This appears to me like AAFES is stealing.

Do we pursue with legal action, or do we just let it go? If we let it go, AAFES will continue to take advantage of its customers and, in the long run, we will be poorer.

**Roy "Swamp Thing" Roberts Jr.  
 Camp Cedar II, Iraq**

## Praise for commanders

The 31st Combat Support Hospital in Balad has enjoyed the leadership of an exceptional commander. Dr. (Col) Stephen Hetz has supported our efforts to provide superb care to all our patients. We have taken care of coalition forces, Iraqi National Guard and Iraqi civilians.

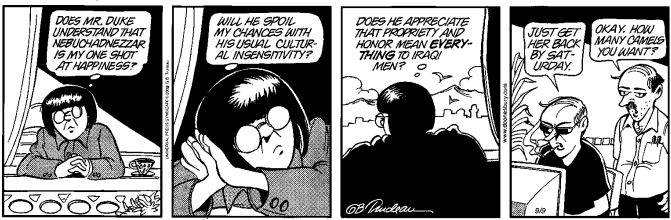
All this was possible because we had a commander who supported us and worked side by side with us to accomplish all tasks great and small. Col. Hetz was with us in the operating room actively involved in removing the bullet from a patient's heart, and also shoulder to shoulder with us as we filled sandbags to secure the perimeter of our hospital.

He ensured that the mission was accomplished but did not lose sight of the fact that we are all humans with multiple roles and varied obligations. He always encouraged us to do our best and brought out the best in all of us.

I have served 14 years in the military and I have never before been assigned to a command where each person, from the cook in the dining facility to the Iraqi interpreter in the hospital, respects the commander and is full of praise about interactions with him. Thank you, doctor, from the soldiers who served with you.

**Maj. Saira Saini  
 Camp Anadoka, Iraq**

## By GARRY TRUDEAU



*St. Paul*



## OPINION

## Vietnam's campaign role: Test recognition

BY JEFFREY H. SMITH

The attacks on John Kerry by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth have struck a raw nerve in many Americans, particularly among veterans of the Vietnam War. To be sure, if John Kerry lied about his wounds or lacked courage under fire it would be a legitimate issue in the campaign. But the central charges have largely been discredited by the Navy's records and by serious reporting in the mainstream media.

It is regrettable that this criticism persists. But it is even more regrettable that has focused the nation on events of long ago rather than how the candidates would handle the future, particularly the war against terrorism. Kerry has called on President Bush to repudiate these ads. He should.

But Kerry, who first criticized the Vietnam War in 1971, should also ask a more relevant question. What was the view of Air Force National Guard Lt. George W. Bush on the Vietnam War in 1971? Did he, like Navy Lt. John F. Kennedy, think it was a folly? Did he have the wisdom and foresight to understand that the United States had gotten itself in a terrible quagmire and lacked the fortitude and leadership to get out without further useless loss of life? What is the record of the young George Bush's view of Vietnam?

We got into Vietnam for reasons that were thought to be both strategic and noble. But it didn't take long to recognize the terrible misjudgments we made. Former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has recently written that "we could have ended the war as early as 1962, and not later than 1967, without any significant loss in our strategic position." A young Kerry recognized that in 1971. Did a young Bush?

It was the rigid thoughtlessness of the Johnson and Nixon administrations that kept us in Vietnam and kept us from finding a way out. The rigid thoughtlessness of the Bush administration risks a similar tragedy in Iraq. We have gotten rid of Saddam Hussein, a great achievement. But we did not find weapons of mass destruction, and we have generated a deep and pervasive hatred of the United States that will take generations to overcome. That makes us less safe, not more. Kerry recognizes that. Does Bush?

It is understandable that veterans of the Vietnam War are angry at people who criticized the war. After all, they lost best friends and cannot accept the idea that their deaths may have been in vain. I was angered at the time by Kerry's allegations of widespread war crimes by American forces, remarks the senator has recently acknowledged were "over the top." But the returning veterans who spoke out against the war were not, for the most part, criticizing their fellow soldiers. They were ... raising their voices to point out the madness of our policy. It takes a special courage to speak out against a cause for which you were once prepared to die — a cause that, as a combat leader, you asked others to be prepared to die for. Kerry has that kind of courage. Does Bush?

I did not serve in Vietnam, but hardly a day passes when I don't think about my 33 West Point classmates killed there. One classmate, Wes Clark, used his Vietnam experiences to shape his thinking and a career that culminated when, as supreme allied commander in Europe, he led NATO forces to victory in the Balkan war. Clark learned the right lessons of Vietnam. Has Bush?

A true test of any president should be whether he can recognize a failing policy and has the moral courage to change course.



Bush has not demonstrated that he understands the magnitude of the errors he made in getting us into Iraq. Even some leading Republicans have said the war was a mistake. Does Bush recognize that?

The debates of 1971 have echoes in our current one. We have gotten deeply involved in a region that we do not understand, and we have unleashed forces we cannot control. We must have a president who can recognize our strengths and our shortcomings, who will ask hard questions and who will challenge advice, even intelligence information that is presented to him.

In 1971, Kerry recognized that we needed to change our policy. In 2004 he recognizes

the need to change our policy. That is the issue. Who is better equipped to lead us: Bush, who rigidly insists that he is right, or Kerry, who has charted a new direction?

In his powerful farewell to the Corps of Cadets at West Point in May 1962, Gen. Douglas MacArthur said, "The soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

Those wounds and scars can teach a lot. We must learn from them, and we should elect a president who has also learned from them.

Jeffrey H. Smith served as CIA general counsel from 1995 to 1996. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

## Kerry's use of past service won't hide current flaws

After locking up the Democratic nomination in the primaries in the spring, John Kerry took a snowboarding vacation in Idaho. In a run down the mountain, he fell. A reporter

Jack Kelly



joshed him about it. "I don't fall," Kerry snapped. Pointing to a Secret Service agent nearby, Kerry said, "That [expensive] deleted knocked me down."

"Sen. John Kerry is angry at the way his campaign has botched the attacks from the Swift boat veterans and others," Kerry said, shake up that will put former Clinton aides in top positions," reported the New York Daily News.

The advice Kerry's senior aides gave him was that he should leave response to the Swifties to surrogates, because Kerry's friends in the major media would do their best to stop the story.

This didn't work, because the story the Swifties wanted to tell got out anyway, through talk radio and dozens of Web logs. But it was good advice. The Swifties didn't really take off in terms of public consciousness until after Kerry went postal on them. Kerry is taking aboard former Clinton aides Joe Lockhart and Joel Johnson, experts at maligning the women who said Bill Clinton had forced his attentions on them. But efforts to mau-mau the Swifties just keeps the Swifties in the news.

Some Democrats have urged that Kerry assault (again) Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard. But this wouldn't answer questions about Kerry's service, and

most Americans are more interested in fighting the war on terror than in refighting a war that ended badly three decades ago.

In spring 2003, when I thought Kerry was the hero he claimed to be, I still thought he was likely to be the weakest of the Democratic candidates in a general election, because he is a poor campaigner, and because his record after three terms in the Senate was both lackluster and decidedly left of center, especially on national security issues.

Kerry was using his war service as insulation against attacks on his voting record. (How dare you criticize my votes on defense. I served in Vietnam! How dare you bring up my flip-flops on Iraq. I served in Vietnam!) But thanks to the Swifties, that insulation has been stripped away.

No senator has been elected president since John F. Kennedy in 1960. This is in

large part because there are all those votes in the Congressional Record for opposition researchers to sift through.

GOP consultant Rick Galen thinks there is another reason. Senators have small staffs and no real responsibilities. They do not know how to manage and to delegate. Galen thinks Kerry's already top-heavy staff will become more so with the addition of the Clinton people, making decision-making even more sluggish and chaotic. ...

There is also the question of loyalty. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's best shot at being president would come in 2008, at the end of a second Bush term. No staff shake-up can cure the fundamental problem, which is Kerry himself.

His aides could not have known whether, or how much, Kerry had embellished his Vietnam service, and it was he more than

they who chose to make his 4½ months in Vietnam 35 years ago the central rationale for his candidacy for president.

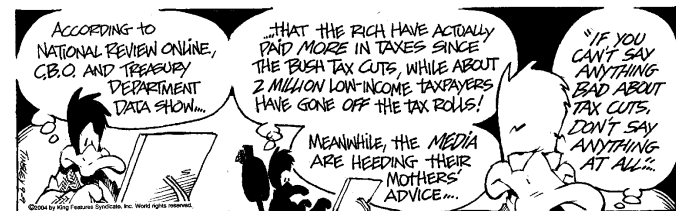
Kerry had to know that he had mightily peeved his shipmates when, in 1971, he accused Vietnam veterans of routinely committing war crimes. It's astounding that he gave no thought earlier to damage control.

The Swifties have said they will fold their tent if he apologizes, and authorizes release of all of his military records. Kerry had an opportunity to do this at the American League convention Sept. 1. But he let the opportunity go by. John Kerry never fails. Everything is always someone else's fault.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



# Horoscope

The Cancer moon brings focus to how we feel about our environment. You'll be able to put your finger on something that's been bugging you for days. Once problems are identified, they are easily remedied. With love planet Venus in Leo, a secret crush is hard to keep quiet. Even if your lips are sealed, someone observant will find out.

Joyce Jillson



**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (September 9).** Your love life comes into clear focus in the next three weeks, and you'll know exactly what you want. Go for it — you're super attractive. Educational ventures are positive life-changing forces in the next six months. Big money in December helps you start a business. Scorpio and Pisces adore you, but marriage may be to a Aquarius.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).**

Originality is where it's at. Don't worry about fitting in. Instead, focus your efforts on selling your most unique talents. At work, you can expect a clash of personalities, but with a diplomatic touch, you will prevail.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).**

The most powerful beliefs you hold are probably centered around your identity. You're in an experimental phase now, so the need to remain consistent is not as strong as usual.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).**

What stands in your way is only an illusion. Willpower and hard work pay off eventually. For now, keep moving regardless of immediate results. Attend business seminars; you'll meet all the right people.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's easy to capture and hold someone's attention if that person thinks you have a burning secret, so don't feel you must expose everything. Saying what is on your mind doesn't always bring happy results. Be discerning.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're busy making commitments, proving your loyalty and giving selflessly. But take care of yourself, too — first, if you dare! Relay your needs, and

you'll be amazed at how they are met. Asking more of others is healthy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).**

Brighten people's spirits, or create a more harmonious environment, and you'll do well. Make calls, get packages off, fax, and file. The more organized you are, the easier it will be to notice anything you missed earlier.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).**

You're still got much to learn in order to make a goal happen. Instead of being content with what you already know, close the gap in your knowledge by doing homework, research or

planning.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Apparently random events are falling into a pattern. Is it you? Could it be? Well, of course, it is. Home in on the particular thing you are doing to create this trend. On a romantic note, you can't afford not to take risks today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).**

The team needs a leader, and you're it. Friends flock to your side when you show true devotion to a cause. You've the gift of gab, and that helps loosen people up, sway them to your side and then motivate them to action.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).**

There's more than what you're reading on the surface. Become an expert at subconscious communication, and you'll always know who is lying. You can afford to be more generous with your attention.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).**

You prefer to make people feel good, and that's part of your charm — you live by the rule. "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." However, today, what your friends really want from you is the truth.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).**

You've got the sharp mind-set that can push any situation to your favor. Just don't act impulsively; patience will help you focus. Try new projects, and you'll meet people who'll help you find what you're looking for.

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## Peanuts



## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



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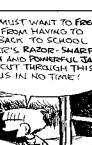
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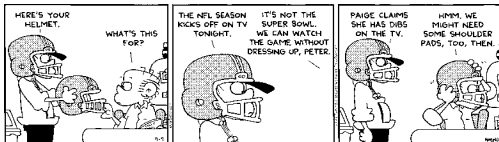
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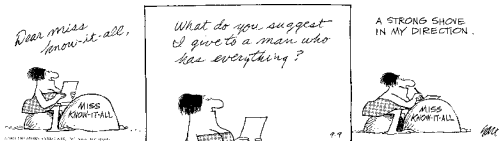
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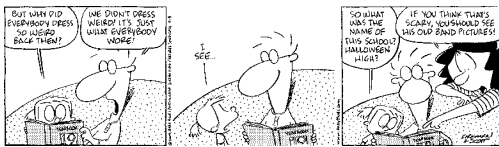
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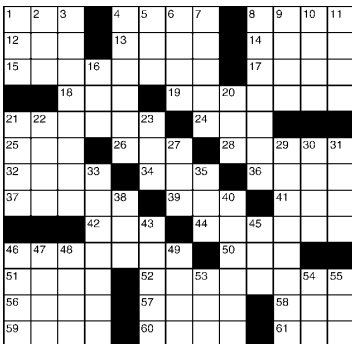
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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15 Lack of boldness  
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18 B&B  
19 Socrates' final quaff  
21 Stiletto  
24 Sara of "Less Than Perfect"  
25 Chartres chum  
26 Crucial  
28 Picture transfer  
32 Perches  
34 "Dr. Strangelove" subject  
36 Unadorned  
37 Fashion  
39 Chic, to Austin Powers  
41 Zero-star review  
42 Pack away  
44 Casual pants  
46 Upper arm bone  
50 Turf  
51 On  
52 Smoothness of motion  
56 Kegler's path  
57 "Sixteen —"  
58 Excessively  
59 Son of Odin

- 60 "M\*A\*S\*H" cast member  
61 Longing

## Down

- 1 Bottom line  
2 Skater Babilonia  
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4 Bore  
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7 More crafty  
8 Irish girl  
9 Hodgepodge  
10 United nations  
11 Founded  
12 Squid squirt  
20 Pie ingredient?  
21 Low voice  
22 Leave out

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: NOT ABOUT TO WASTE MORE MARGARINE, I SWORE I WOULD HANG ON UNTIL THE BUTTER END.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: P equals N

# Stepdad's peeping could escalate

**Dear Abby:** A few years ago, I noticed some porn in my mom and stepdad's room. I didn't mention it to anyone.

Later, my older sister accused my stepdad of window-peeping, but no one believed her. Last summer, I noticed him outside my window when I woke up one morning. I didn't say anything because I didn't want to cause a problem.

I have never liked my stepdad. He is verbally abusive. You wouldn't believe what I hear every single day.

I share a bathroom with one of my sisters. Last year when it was remodeled, we noticed a gap between the floor and the basement. (We covered it with towels when we were in there.) Last week, I noticed what looked like a piece of wood in the gap, so I decided to give it a closer look. It looked like the lens of a camera. When I took a flashlight into the basement and checked it out,

I found a cable running through the room and my close enough to see it said "camera" on the back. It faced the toilet.

I don't know who to tell, or if I should. My sister deserves the right to know—but who else would believe me? I'm just a stupid 14-year-old girl. If I tell my mom, she will kick my stepdad out, and I'll have to go and live with my dad. I'll have to change schools. I'll lose my boyfriend, my friends, my life. Mom could lose the house because my stepdad mainly brings in all the money.

I feel like this is all my fault. If I don't say anything and it keeps on, it could get worse—and I'd probably commit suicide from the stress. And what if my friends come over? Please help me—this is so important.

—Desperate in Indiana  
**Dear Desperate:** You are not "stupid." You are a very bright young lady. None of this is your fault. You and your sister are the

victims in this nasty business.

What I want you to do will take courage, but please do it anyway. If you follow my advice, people will have to believe you. Buy a disposable flash camera. Use it to take pictures of the gap in the floor of your bathroom. Then take it into the basement and photograph the camera and the cable. When the pictures are developed, make sure to get several sets of prints. Mail one set to your father. Show one set to your mother, and tell her what you have told me.

If she does not protect you immediately, give the third set to a trusted teacher at your school. Your stepfather is sick and does not belong in a house with young women. Ideally, the police should be notified.

The problem with "Peeping Toms" is their behavior can escalate. That's why you should not remain silent any longer.

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Dear Abby



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles. One letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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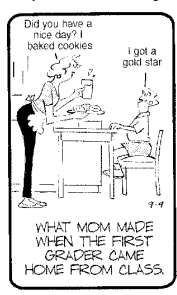
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Yesterday's Jumbles: ADAGE GAVEL UNSOLD SUBDUCE  
Answer: Drinking beer while playing picnic baseball can lead to this—BASES 'LOADED'

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrison



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow

# Help keep troops phoning home

**Dear Annie:** My husband is currently deployed in the U.S. Air Force, and there are days when I have no idea where he is. I am writing to let you know of a program set up by the Department of Defense to help our troops call home. We ran into problems with regular prepaid calling cards, because they were not designed for use outside the United States. Either they don't work, or they cost more to use. The Department of Defense has allowed the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) to sell prepaid calling cards that are designed for overseas use.

The 550-Unit Military Exchange Prepaid Phone Card can be purchased by anyone who wishes to make a donation to an individual service member or "any soldier" at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) (1-800-527-2345). Just follow the icon on the right to "Help Our Troops Call Home." Please get

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the word out to others concerning this great way to keep in touch.

Hearing the voice of your loved one helps you make it through to the next phone call. Thank you, Annie.

—Proud Air Force Wife

**Dear Proud Wife:** We are more than happy to help our deployed troops call home. Readers who don't personally know any military personnel, but would like to donate a card, can do this as well. Thank you.

**Dear Annie:** I just received an invitation from my sister-in-law for a cocktail party to celebrate her son's eighth-grade graduation, her other son's 13th birthday, her boyfriend's 43rd birthday, her mother's 78th birthday, the adoption of her new puppy and a housewarming in her new million-dollar home.

Is it appropriate to celebrate

so many occasions at one party, especially when she is serving only drinks and munchies? Am I supposed to spend money on all these people?

—Anything Else  
**I Should Bring a Gift For?**

**Dear Anything Else:** It is confusing to celebrate so many disparate occasions at the same time. We recommend sending gifts in advance for the graduating child and the birthday boy (we assume these are your nephews). Mail cards to Mom and the boyfriend. Bring a small housewarming present, and on the note, congratulate your sister-in-law on the newest addition to the family. We think we've covered everyone.

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## Family Circus



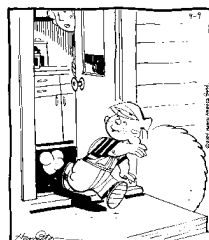
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"... And in case you sneeze, God, bless you."

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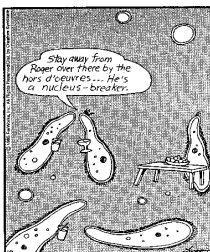
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Dennis the Menace



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Non Sequitur



"I GOTTA GO. MR. WILSON GETS REALLY LONESOME WHEN I'M NOT THERE."





# Ching becoming the cog for U.S. soccer offense

BY RONALD BLUM  
The Associated Press

If Brian Ching keeps scoring a goal a game for the U.S. national team, in a few years his nickname could be "Hawaii Five-O" — as in 50 international goals.

That pace isn't likely to happen — Eric Wynalda holds the American record of 34. But just two years after he was charged by the Los Angeles Galaxy and spent a summer playing minor league ball, Ching has become the Americans' key scorer in the semifinals of qualifying for the 2006 World Cup. His 89th-minute goal on Aug. 18 gave the United States a 1-1 tie at Jamaica, and his fifth-minute goal Saturday sent the Americans on to a 2-0 victory over El Salvador.

"I don't want to get too big of a head. I still know who I am," said the 26-year-old forward, the first Hawaiian on the U.S. national team. "Right now, I'm just concentrating on taking care of my body and just scoring goals."

Such is the increased depth of the American talent pool that Ching might not start Wednesday night, when the United States plays at Panama in the third game of the six-game semifinal round. U.S. coach Bruce Arena, who fielded a young lineup at home Saturday, is likely to use more veterans for the road game at Panama City.

Ching didn't make his national team debut until May 2003 against Wales, and Saturday's game was his first start and fourth appearance. Playing for San Jose, he's tied for the Major League Soccer lead with 11 goals this season.

"We've been fortunate to see him for two years in San Jose, now he's making the most of it," said Landon Donovan, his teammate on the Earthquakes and the national team. "He's just a guy who goes forward."

That you want to have on your team. He

makes the right runs, he holds the ball, he's strong, he's a great finisher, he works hard defensively. He doesn't have many faults."

After scoring 34 goals at Gonzaga and playing for the Spokane Shadow of the United Soccer League Premier League, Ching was drafted by the Galaxy in February 2001. He spent nearly the entire season as a sub, was cut the following February and played for the Seattle Sounders of the A-League in 2002, scoring 16 goals.

Signed by the Earthquakes, he scored against Colorado just 53 seconds into his first MLS game with his new team. He finished with six league goals, yet was so far down the pecking order he wasn't even included in the national team's 2004 media guide.

His play with San Jose caught the attention of U.S. coach Bruce Arena.

"He's demonstrated in the league that he's about the best goal scorer in MLS, he and [Carlos Ruiz], Arena said.

When Ching returned home from Jamaica, he received about 20 telephone calls of congratulations. As he says, far more people follow the national team than the Earthquakes. The game in Kingston awakened him to what international soccer is like.

"The atmosphere there was different from the atmosphere I'm used to with MLS teams," he said. "The seating was almost full before the warmup. The speakers were going, chanting and yelling."

And in Kingston, a running track separated the U.S. bench from the stands. When the Americans play in Costa Rica and other Central American venues, the fans often are within object-throwing distance.

His contract with MLS runs through the 2006 season. If he keeps scoring, European clubs will come knocking. In soccer, goals get attention, and he keeps getting them.

"I want to make a name for myself here in Cal. Then we'll weigh the options," he said. "I don't want to think that far ahead."

# Big Ten: Use 'common sense' for instant replay

The Associated Press

The Big Ten is telling its technical advisers to use common sense with instant replay after a five-minute delay in Wisconsin's season opener against Central Florida riled coaches on both sides.

The holdup resulted in a 21-yard gain for Rodgers running back Anthony Davis instead of a 22-yard gain.

"It is within the context of this play that the conference office directed its technical advisers to use 'common sense' when deciding when to implement instant replay," the Big Ten announced.

"Specifically, a replay should be triggered when the technical adviser concludes there is reasonable video evidence that an error may have occurred in a reviewable play."

The league said it also "reminded the technical advisers to be mindful of game interruptions associated with video reviews. Good judgment entails protecting the flow of the game against unnecessary interruptions unless it appears that an officiating call may be in error, and that the call has a demonstrable competitive impact on the game."

The Big Ten is the first conference to use instant replay to review officials' calls. The

NCAA authorized the conference to use video replay to correct officiating mistakes on a one-year trial basis.

## Iranian judo champ rewarded

for failing to compete against Israeli

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has paid a judo champion who avoided an Olympic match against an Israeli the some \$125,000 prize money it awarded its gold medal winners, the official Islamic Republic News Agency said Wednesday.

Though Amir Miresaei "did not get a gold medal, he earned eternal honor by his refusal," Mahmoud Ahmadi Nejad, Tehran's conservative mayor, said, according to IRNA.

Miresaei had reportedly said that he would not meet Ehud Vaks in Athens as a gesture of sympathy with the Palestinian people. On the day of the bout, Miresaei, a favorite in the under-66 kilogram class, was declared overweight and disqualified.

## Roddick, Fish to play Davis Cup

NEW YORK — Olympic silver medalist Marley Fish was picked Wednesday to join Andy Roddick and the doubles pair of twins Bob and Mike Bryan for the U.S. Davis Cup team's Sept. 24-26 semifinal against Belarus.

The matches will be played on hard courts in Charleston, S.C.



Andy Roddick hits a return to Tommy Robredo at the U.S. Open on Tuesday night. The defending champ hasn't lost a set in the tournament yet.

# So far, defending champ Roddick unchallenged

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Roddick has yet to face a challenge in his U.S. Open title defense.

He beat No. 18 Tommy Robredo of Spain 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 Tuesday night to move into the quarterfinals without having lost a set.

Roddick saved both break points he faced against Robredo, and he's been broken only once through 50 service games over his four matches.

"I played solid. I'm serving well. I'm breaking well," said Roddick, who had 11 aces to raise his tournament total to 53.

Roddick's next opponent is the leader in that category: No. 28 Joachim Johansson, who has 79 aces after beating Michael Llodra 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

The other quarterfinal on that side of the draw Thursday will be 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt against unseeded Tommy Haas.

Hewitt defeated Karol Beck 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 for his 14th consecutive win, and Haas eliminated 18-year-old Tomas Berdych 7-6 (6), 6-1, 7-5, erasing three set points in the tiebreaker.

"I'm playing pretty solid tennis, day in, day out," said Hewitt, who like Roddick has yet to drop a set.

On Wednesday, two-time Open winner Andre Agassi faces No. 1 Roger Federer, and No. 5 Tim Henman plays No. 22 Dominik Hrbaty.

Roddick had lost 51 games by the time he got to the quarterfinals in 2003 en route to his first Grand Slam title. This year, that count is only 27.

"Last year was last year. I'd rather look forward," he said.

"I've looked back for an entire year when thinking about this tournament so I choose to look ahead now."

On Thursday, steady rain delayed the start of action. The first stretch of bad weather during this year's tournament was expected to continue into the evening. That raised the possibility of a total washout, including the much-anticipated quarterfinal between Andre Agassi and Roger Federer.

All of the day's scheduled junior matches were moved to an indoor facility in Port Chester, N.Y.

# Cheated: Capriati takes advantage

CHEATED, FROM BACK PAGE

A startled Williams looked up and asked, "What happened?" Then she said to Davis, "That's my point. That ball was in. It's my advantage."

Williams looked up at her family in the guest box, turned around and headed toward Adams.

"No, no, no, no, no," Williams said. "That was my point? What are you talking about? What's going on? Excuse me? That ball was so in. What the heck is this?"

Williams tried to illustrate her point, putting a ball on the court and pointing.

"The ball landed here. That ball was not out. Are you kidding me? I'm trying to tell you. The ball was not out. Do I need to speak another language?"

Answered Adams: "Please calm down." Capriati stood at the other end, shaking her head.

"I didn't even, like, look at it. It was close. I was just going to do what the umpire said," Capriati told the crowd after the match, drawing some boos and murmurs.

"Believe me, I've had things go against me many times, plenty of times. I deserve to get a call once in a while. One point. I don't think, changed the match."

Said Williams: "Honestly, I began to think, 'OK, well, I'm not going to go for the lines. I'm not going to go for my shots.'"

Later in the final set, replays showed at least two other incorrect calls that went against Williams.

Capriati beat Williams in the French Open and lost to her at Wimbledon. Capriati has never reached the final at Flushing Meadows — last year, she was two points from making it that far 10 times when she lost to eventual champion Justine Henin-Hardenne in the semis.

In the last set against Williams, Capriati thought about that near-miss.

"There were actually a couple times there where that went through my mind. I was like, 'I'm not going to let this happen again,'" she said. "I think it was a good thing to think about it."

Capriati has won three Grand Slam events and Williams has taken six. For the first time since 1998, Venus and Serena will finish the season without a single major title between them.

# Tkachuk scores 4; U.S. tops Russia

BY ANDRES YBARRA

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The United States hit its stride just in time to avoid elimination from the World Cup of Hockey.

Facing the same Russian team that dominated them five nights earlier, the Americans got four goals and an assist from Keith Tkachuk in a 5-3 quarterfinal victory Tuesday night. Mike Modano assisted on all of Tkachuk's goals, and the line of Tkachuk, Modano and Bill Guerin had 11 points.

"We went through a full last week," Tkachuk said. "We were tired, and when you're tired you cut corners. But these are elimination games."

The United States will play Finland or the Czech Republic — a 6-1 winner over Sweden on Tuesday night in Stockholm — in the semifinals Friday night in St. Paul. In the final quarterfinal, Canada will face Slovakia in Toronto on Wednesday night.

With many of the same veterans who played on the 1996 World Cup championship squad, the United States looked slow last week in losses to Canada and Russia.

"They played with some discipline tonight," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said.

For the second straight game, Wilson scratched Brett Hull, Craig Conroy, Brian Rolston and Eric Weinrich. The quicker line-up helped beat Slovakia last week for the United States' lone win in round-robin play, and Wilson didn't want a repeat of his team's

## World Cup of hockey

lackluster play in its 3-1 loss to Russia.

Last week, the Russians started off fast against the sluggish Americans. On Tuesday, the United States was more aggressive at both ends of the ice.

"We didn't put out best foot forward last week," Wilson said. "But today, we were a little more prepared."

In the rematch, Russia made costly turnovers that the suddenly opportunistic Americans jumped on.

"The biggest mistake we made is we're not playing practical hockey like the U.S. and Canada play," Russia's Oleg Tverdokhovsky said. "That's why they're beating the European teams."

After Russia tied it at 2 just 36 seconds into the third period, Tkachuk had a chance to score again after Russia's Dmitry Kalinin turned the puck over in the neutral zone. The American's shot deflected off a defender's stick, but Scott Gomez was there to punch a shot past goalie Ilya Bryzgalov at 4:25.

Just 22 seconds later, Guerin made a nice pass from the left circle to a cutting Tkachuk, who scored his fourth goal of the tournament to give the United States a 4-2 lead.

"That's where experience comes into play," Tkachuk said. "If you are a younger team, you get flustered and down on the bench."



U.S. forwards Bill Guerin (13) and Mike Modano, right, congratulate teammate Keith Tkachuk after his third goal of the game against Russia in the third period of their World Cup of Hockey quarterfinal.

Russia pulled to 4-3 with 8:56 to play when Ilya Kovalchuk's slap shot from the left circle beat Robert Esche during a four-minute power play. Russia couldn't convert on the second half of the advantage, created when Brian Leetch cut Dainius Zubrus in the face with a high stick.

The Americans played tight defense the rest of the way and Tkachuk added an empty-netter with 54.7 seconds to play to seal the victory. Canada's Mario Lemieux also scored four goals in a game during the 1987 Canada Cup, the tournament that predated the World Cup.

"I've had four goals at some point in my NHL career, but tonight was special," the 32-year-old Tkachuk said.

Team USA led 2-0 in the second after Tkachuk's second goal, but Dmitry Afanasev jolted the Russians back to life when he beat Esche with a low shot at 7:14.

Russia tied it 36 seconds into the third period after a U.S. turnover in the neutral zone. On a three-on-one break, Zubrus dropped a nice pass to Alexei Yashin. Yashin immediately zipped the puck back to Zubrus, who beat Esche to make it 2-1.

"I thought it was a pretty even game," Russia forward Alex Kovalev said. "I thought we had a chance to win this game, and they used our turnovers and they scored on us."

**Czech Republic 6, Sweden 1:** At Stockholm, Sweden, Milan Hejduk scored two goals, and Tomas Vokoun made 17 saves for the Czech Republic. Martin Straka, Martin Havlat, Marek Zidlicky and Radek Dvorak also scored for the Czechs.

Tomas Holmstrom scored for Sweden.

# 'Life goes on' for Beavers kicker

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

The Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State kicker Alexis Serna didn't hide in embarrassment Tuesday over his three missed extra points against LSU. Instead, he was back at work.

Serna smiled as he dutifully met with reporters, all eager to know how the redshirt freshman was handling his very public failure.

"Life goes on," he shrugged.

Serna said his family, team and even former Oregon State kicker Kirk Yliniemi helped him get over the trauma, especially the final missed extra point that gave LSU a fortunate 22-21 victory in overtime Saturday night.

The game had the makings of a stunning upset for the Beavers, who had jumped out in front of the defending BCS champions.

OSU led the lead until the waning minutes of the game, when the Tigers tied it at 15, forcing overtime.

Oregon State quarterback David Anderson answered an LSU score with a 19-yard touch-down pass to Joe Newton, making it 22-21. But when Beavers coach

**"We'll continue the competition and make another decision."**

Mike Riley

Oregon State coach

Mike Riley was trying to call a timeout so he could consider a two-point conversion, Serna pushed his PAT wide right.

Serna's PAT was broadcast nationally on ESPN. He jumped up and down in disbelief, screaming in agony, before failing to the field.

He doesn't remember much of it.

"I was just really in shock," he said.

Riley said Tuesday that he was impressed with how Serna was handling the adversity.

"From the minute I met him a year, when he went out and went to work, I thought, 'This kid's got some stuff to him.' He'll battle back for it," he said.

That said, the competition at kicker was renewed between

Serna and John Dailey. The two had battled for the starters' job during fall practices.

"I don't know if 're-opened' is the right word, but we have had competition right up to a couple days before the game last week for that spot and kind of left it open. So we'll continue the competition and make another decision," Riley said. "Now, the decision might be the same one we made before, but we'll make that later in the week."

Serna said he visited on Monday with Yliniemi, who did not miss three PATs over his entire career with the Beavers.

Yliniemi, who signed a free-agent contract with the San Francisco 49ers but was released this weekend, told Serna one of the biggest sayings in the NFL training camp was: "Kickers have to have short-term memories."

The talk gave him new resolve.

"I want to get back on the field and play again," he said. "But even three days later the game-ending scene is still being played on television — both locally and nationally."

Has he seen the replay? "Not really," he said. "I keep going over it in my head."

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# Dolphins try to fill RB hole with Rams' Gordon

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins may have found a replacement for retired running back Ricky Williams.

The Dolphins acquired Lamar Gordon from the St. Louis Rams on Wednesday for a third-round draft pick in 2005.

The 6-foot-1, 228-pound Gordon was the third-string back in St. Louis behind Marshall Faulk and first-round pick Steven Jackson, but he certainly will move up the depth chart in Miami.

The Dolphins have struggled to replace Williams since he abruptly retired a week before training camp.

Coach Dave Wannstedt decided this week to have Travis Minor, Sammy Morris and Leonard Henry share snaps. The trio combined for 59 carries for 152 yards (2.6 yards per carry) during the preseason.

Gordon was a third-round pick in 2002 from North Dakota State.

Dolphins fullback Rob Konrad had surgery Tuesday to remove damaged tissue from his infected right thigh.

Konrad likely won't play in Sunday's season opener against Tennessee.

## NFL briefs

### Steelers make it official: Staley to start

PITTSBURGH — Coach Bill Cowher finally confirmed on Tuesday the Pittsburgh Steelers' worst-kept secret: Duane Staley is in at running back and Jerome Bettis is out again.

The move has been considered a formality since Staley was given a \$4 million signing bonus in March, but the Steelers had never made the change official and Cowher diplomatically split time between the two in exhibition games.

Staley, at 29, is three years younger than Bettis, has had less wear and tear than the NFL's No. 6 career rusher and, unlike Bettis, can be used as a receiver out of the backfield and on third downs.

The Steelers plan to use Bettis as a change-up back and in short-yardage situations, the role they envisioned when they last [Bettis] has a lot of respect for Duce, and Duce does for Jerome," Cowher said Tuesday. "I think it is a healthy situation, and hopefully we will be able to give them both the ball."

Mickens out for year with torn ACL

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Jets cornerback Ray Mickens was placed on injured re-

serve Wednesday with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and Terrell Buckley was expected to take his place.

Mickens will have reconstructive surgery after a third MRI revealed the damage. He was hurt more than three weeks ago during a training camp practice, but earlier exams were inconclusive because of swelling.

The nine-year veteran, who has missed only two games in eight seasons, was the team's top nickel back. Last season, he started 14 games when starter Donnie Abraham went down with a shoulder injury and finished with 75 tackles and two interceptions.

Buckley, who was released by division rival New England on Sunday, ranks third in the NFL among active career interception leaders with 47.

### Tennessee kicker injured in practice

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee kicker Joe Nedney left practice early Tuesday after being injured while kicking off a tee.

Nedney fell to the ground and stayed down for a few minutes while trainers looked at him. He then walked off the field.

The veteran missed the 2003 season after tearing a ligament in his right, non-kicking leg in the first half of the opening game.

Coach Jeff Fisher wouldn't discuss which leg Nedney injured Tuesday.

### Vikings sign Morten Andersen

EDEEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Morten Andersen, the second-leading scorer in NFL history, signed with the Minnesota Vikings on Tuesday, two days after being cut by Kansas City.

The Vikings released Brett Conway, who lasted just a week as the replacement for Aaron Eling. The Vikings cut Eling, a second-year player, after he struggled in the preseason.

Andersen, 44, lost the Chiefs' job to Lawrence Tynes, who played the past two seasons in the Canadian Football League. Last season Andersen hit 16 of 20 field goals and 58 of 59 extra points.

### Reid gets extension through 2010

PHILADELPHIA — Andy Reid received a four-year contract extension from the Philadelphia Eagles on Wednesday that will take him through the 2010 season.

Reid, entering his sixth season in Philadelphia, has led the Eagles to three consecutive losses in the NFC championship game. He is in the third year of a \$15 million, six-year contract signed in June 2001.

Reid's extension reportedly is worth more than \$4.2 million per season.

# For Raiders' Porter, wait is over

BY JANIE MCCAAULEY

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — When Jerry Porter joined the Oakland Raiders, the team had Tim Brown and Andre Rison. Later, Jerry Rice came aboard.

Porter patiently waited for his chance, a difficult task for a confident and sometimes brash receiver well aware of his big potential.

Still, he decided to learn all he could from the greats in front of him, knowing that many never get the chance to play alongside one, not to mention two, of the best ever at their position.

"Did I have a choice?" said Porter, Oakland's second-round draft pick in 2000 out of West Virginia.

"You control what you can control. When I came in, I think Tim Brown was in his 14th year, Andre Rison was like in his 13th, and the next year they bring in Jerry Rice, and he was like in his 16th year. It was always said, 'They can't play forever.' Now's my time."

The opportunity actually came sooner than the 26-year-old Porter expected. The Raiders released Brown, the franchise's longest-tenured member, during training camp when he wouldn't accept a drastically reduced role.

Brown quickly landed with former Raiders coach Jon Gruden and ex-Oakland general manager Bruce Allen in Tampa Bay, and Porter embraced his upgraded role.

"Tim was still here, Jerry was still here. I didn't expect to be starting this year," Porter said. "I really didn't think they could do it. Tim Brown is Mr. Raider. He's a life."

Porter still talks to Brown a couple days a week, either by cell phone or via text message.



Raiders receiver Jerry Porter is healthy and ready to be Oakland's No. 1 receiving option.

Porter is 6 feet 2 and 220 pounds, and possesses the kind of athleticism that makes him a viable deep-threat option — just the kind of receiver owner Al Davis loves.

In college, Porter was a free safety, filled in as an emergency quarterback, and played flanker. He even returned kicks. He also was a sprinter for the West Virginia track team.

"Jerry Porter is a talented guy, a guy that has played," Brown said. "The only question about him in my mind is can he play every down? He hasn't played the whole game as a starter before, so can he play the amount of plays that he's going to have to play."

"Physically and talentwise, he's obviously as good as they come. He can be one of the best in the league if he dedicates himself

to the game and does the things that he's capable of doing."

Porter is finally healthy, which could be a major factor in his durability.

His painful stomach limited his every move last season. It was worse than most people knew, in part because he forced himself to play through it whenever possible.

He underwent what the team called multiple hernia surgery last Sept. 12, and he believes he was rushed back — partly by his own doing.

"I put the blame on 50-50 me and the organization," he said.

Porter played at about 50 percent all season, aggravating the problem and needing another procedure in January, essentially to repair the wall of his lower abdomen area. It turned out not to be a hernia.

Porter appeared in nine games with one start, finishing with 28 catches for 361 yards and one touchdown.

"I know people knew that I was healthy," Porter said. "They just didn't know the severity of it. I didn't know the severity of it. I knew it was more than what was being let on. I never felt 100 percent at any point in time in the preseason. It was tough. It was tough to get out there and know that a healthy me could dominate the guy across from me, but I'm playing in a shell of myself."

The Raiders are eager to see what he can do now as their top receiver. Porter will have quite the supporting cast, too. Oakland kept seven receivers, and four tight ends on its 53-man roster, including the 41-year-old Rice.

"That hasn't affected Porter's lofty goals."

"I was 2,000 yards," he said with a smile. "I set my goals really high. If I don't hit them at least I aim pretty high."

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# Selig deserves bonus after 'Travelgate'

Now that the Devil Rays have quit lollygagging, the Yankees' hissy fit is behind them and the game in question is back on the schedule, it's time to address the last bit of business left over from Major League Baseball's version of "Travelgate."

Namely, Bud Selig's bonus.

Yeah, you read that right. The commissioner deserves a little something extra in his pay envelope this week for keeping his hat on while all those around him were talking through theirs.

Granted, Selig didn't have to channel King Solomon to come up with a solution. The facts begged for a common-sense decision, and all the commissioner did was draw one up. He ordered Monday's postponed game to be made up as part of a doubleheader Wednesday.

That doesn't appear to be a tough decision — until you consider that Selig made it despite having Yankee boss George Steinbrenner pressing down on his shoulder blades and screaming into both ears about fair play.

Some background: The Devil Rays arrived in New York a half-day too late to play the first game of Monday's scheduled doubleheader. They said they were stuck in Tampa Bay that morning

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The Yankees sneered back that the Devil Rays should have left earlier, all but suggesting they would have if Tampa Bay owner Vince Naimoli, a notorious cheap-skate, had been willing to pick up the tab for a charter flight and a few extra nights in a pricey Manhattan hotel. Instead, the Yankees spent most of Monday sitting around waiting, while their fans wandered the stands consuming free food.

Naturally, Steinbrenner wanted someone to pay — not necessarily for the \$180 million in salary sitting idle in his clubhouse, but likely for the 25,836 hot dogs and 25,296 sodas his concessionaires had to give away. And this was The Boss' idea of compassion: enforce the letter of the game's law; make Tampa Bay forfeit the game.

If that seems desperate and

because of travel restrictions, and didn't leave earlier because they had to stay home and look after their families as Hurricane Francis bore down on the area.

self-serving, well, that's probably because there's no better words to describe it. The Yankees have been in a tailspin the last three weeks, coughing up most of what was a 10½-game lead over their American League East rival and mortal enemy, the Boston Red Sox. The top of New York's pitching rotation has been disastrous, a fact punctuated when Kevin Brown broke his non-pitching hand punching a wall in frustration Friday night. Given that situation, think a win without breaking a sweat sounded too good to be true? The Red Sox and just about everybody else with a passing interest in baseball did. At least this once, Selig went along.

"As the commissioner made clear," MLB's chief operating officer, Bob DuPuy, said in a statement Tuesday, "it is critical that the outcome of the pennant races be determined on the field."

In that sense, the Devil Rays could hardly be more gracious guests. They stepped off the plane an hour before Monday's 7

p.m. first pitch and sleepwalked their way to a 7-4 loss. Without jet lag as an excuse — and Tampa Bay is so bad, alibis are usually superfluous — they went down 11-2 Tuesday night.

About the only thing the Devil Rays have done to anger their hosts so far is insist they did the right thing by staying away in the first place.

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think so."

Grudgingly, the Yankees appear to have arrived at the same conclusion. After the makeup game was announced, New York General Manager Brian Cashman said the Yankees beef was with the commissioner's office, not the Devil Rays.

He said the Yankees faced a similar situation last season, and were forced to play in Baltimore even as a hurricane approached.

Cashman also denied his team even asked for the forfeit by Tampa Bay, only that the game be put off until the end of the season so baseball could investigate whether the Devil Rays made every effort to get to New York in time.

What could be more compassionate than that?

"I just want the truth," Steinbrenner told The New York Times. "If DuPuy and Selig are lying, then they should be called on it. We want the truth to be told and then you'll see how we've been put upon."

Added Cashman, "We don't want any freebies, we're not looking for freebies."

What the Yankees GM didn't add, but could have, is that whenever the Devil Rays are involved, asking for freebies is almost redundant.

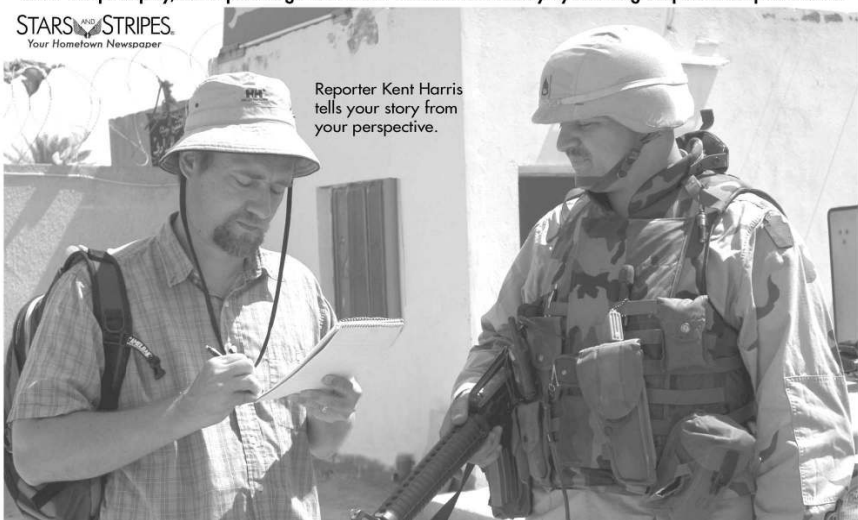
Their best chance to avoid dropping both ends of the doubleheader to the Yankees might be the rainstorms expected to pound New York on Wednesday, which, coincidentally, just happen to be the remnants of Hurricane Frances.

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# Anaheim closes gap in West to 1½ games

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — While the Red Sox and Yankees have dominated the pennant-race headlines, the AL West is even closer, with fast-closing Anaheim just 1½ games behind Oakland.

And with the Boston-New York runner-up in position to take the wild-card spot, the Angels and Athletics are playing for a lot more than their AL East counterparts.

On Tuesday night, Bartolo Colon pitched seven strong innings in Anaheim's 5-2 victory over Toronto, the Angels' fourth straight win. Oakland has lost two in a row, including a 7-1 loss to visiting Boston on Tuesday night.

Colon (14-11) limited Toronto to six hits, with seven strikeouts and two walks. He was 5-8 early in July, but has rebounded to win nine of his last 12 decisions.

"Bart had good life on the ball, mixed in a few offspeed pitches, but mostly spotted his fastball on both sides of the plate," Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia said. "He's a horse. He can pitch deep into games."

Chone Figgins and Garrett Anderson homered off David Bush (3-4) to help Anaheim win for the 16th time in 21 games. Figgins' two-run shot in the fifth made it 4-0.

Figgins said that, while the Angels need to concentrate on what they're doing, they couldn't help

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but note that the Athletics had lost.

"Boston's kind of putting the hurt on everybody," he said. The Red Sox swept the Angels in a three-game series in Boston last week, and have taken the first two from the A's on the road.

**Red Sox 7, Athletics 1:** Johnny Damon hit a leadoff homer in his return to the Red Sox's lineup after missing four games because of a jammed little finger, and Derek Lowe (14-10) won his fifth straight decision for Boston, which has won 13 of 14.

Damon, who played one season for the A's in 2001, lofted a 10-pitch off Mark Redman (10-11) down the right-field line in the first for his 15th homer of the year.

"It's that same feeling knowing you're the best team around," Damon said. "That year in Oakland, we should have won the World Series... That's the same kind of feeling we have right now."

**Twins 3, Orioles 1:** Mike Cuddyer snapped a tie with a two-run homer in the ninth, and visiting Minnesota rallied to beat Baltimore, which won its eighth straight.

The Twins pulled even with a run in the eighth, then took control in the ninth against Jorge Julio (2-4).



Bartolo Colon, who allowed six hits with seven strikeouts and two walks in the Anaheim Angels' 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night, has won nine of his last 12 decisions.

J.C. Romero (7-1) pitched a scoreless eighth for the Twins, extending his club-record run of shutout innings to 34. Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 39th save.

**Royals 6, Tigers 2:** Dee Brown homered twice and drove in four runs to lead visiting Kansas City. Jimmy Serrano (1-1) picked up his first major league victory with three scoreless innings of relief, helping the Royals win for just the fifth time in 16 games.

**Rangers 10, White Sox 3:** At Arlington, Texas, Kenny Rogers allowed three runs over seven innings. David Delucci keyed a seven-run second with a three-run double and homestander Texas snapped Chicago's four-game winning streak.

Rogers (16-7) is one win shy of matching the best season of his 16-year career — 17-7 for the Rangers in 1995. He gave up eight hits, struck out two and didn't walk a batter.

# Ankiel throws scoreless inning in return

Derailed by wildness, injuries, Cardinals pitcher hadn't played in majors since 2001 season

The Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** — Rick Ankiel walked off the mound after throwing a scoreless inning and was met with a rousing reception of high-fives and slaps on the back.

After more than three years away, the St. Louis left-hander made a successful return to the big leagues.

"It's just such a relief to get out there and finally get back in the mix again," Ankiel said. "The welcome was great, and I'm happy to be back."

Ankiel allowed one hit and threw 14 pitches — 11 for strikes — in the sixth inning of the Cardinals' 4-2 victory on Tuesday night. It was his first major league appearance since May 10, 2001.

"No matter how many games you throw in the minors, there's nothing like being back out on the main stage," Ankiel said. "It just feels good."

Ankiel, whose once-promising career was derailed by wild pitches and elbow surgery, started the bottom of the sixth by allowing a single to Xavier Nady, then retired the side.

"We've been waiting to see him," manager Tony La Russa

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said. "We saw him. He thrilled us all and he was very good."

Ankiel is best known for throwing nine wild pitches and walking 11 in four innings in the 2000 playoffs. He was demoted to the minors in May 2001 and missed the entire 2002 season with a strained elbow. He had reconstructive elbow surgery last year, and some wondered if Ankiel would ever be able to pitch his way back to the majors.

Pinch-hitter Roger Cedeño hit a go-ahead, two-run double in the sixth and the Cardinals won for the 10th time in 11 games. Jeff Suppan (5-6) won his sixth straight start and improved to 9-0 on the road.

The Cardinals returned to form a night after having their nine-inning winning streak snapped.

Suppan allowed two runs and five hits in five innings, walked five and struck out three. Jason Lehnhausen pitched the ninth for his 40th save, tying Florida's Armando Benitez for the NL lead.

**Astros 9, Reds 7:** At Houston,

Roy Oswalt became the NL's first 17-game winner and the Astros extended their winning streak to 11 games.

Oswalt (17-9) gave up four runs on six hits in 7½ innings, improving to 9-1 in his last 11 starts.

Mike Lamb homered and drove in four runs and Carlos Beltran hit a two-run shot for the Astros, who are on the second-longest winning streak in club history.

Sean Casey homered twice and Jason LaRue added a three-run shot for the Reds.

**Expos 7, Cubs 6 (12):** Brian Schneider hit a go-ahead single in the 12th for visiting Montreal.

Corey Patterson homered twice for Chicago, a half-game ahead of San Francisco and Houston in the NL wild-card race.

**Rockies 8, Giants 7:** At Denver, Jeremy Burnitz hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth to overshadow Barry Bonds' 698th homer.

Bonds is within two homers of joining Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) as the only players to reach 700. The six-time NL MVP also has hit 40 homers in five straight seasons and eight overall, tying Aaron's NL record.

**Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 2:** At Los Angeles, pinch-hitter Robin Ventura hit his 18th career grand slam to tie Willie McCovey for third place on the career list, and Hideo Nomo (4-11) won for the first time in 11 decisions.

Ventura made it 8-2 in the seventh with his fifth homer of the season. The only players with more grand slams are Hall of Famers Lou Gehrig (23) and Eddie Murray (19).

**Mariners 7, Mets 3:** A.J. Burnett (6-6) allowed two hits in 6½ innings at Pro Player Stadium, Miguel Cabrera hit a tape-measure homer, and the Mariners extended their longest winning streak since 1997 to eight games in their first game in five days following Hurricane Frances.

**Pirates 2, Brewers 0:** At Pittsburgh, Dave Williams (1-1) pitched 6½ shutout innings for his first victory in nearly three years. Jason Bay and Jason Bay homered for the Pirates.

**Phillies-Breaves, ppd:** Philadelphia's game at Atlanta was postponed by rain brought to the area by Tropical Storm Frances. The game was scheduled to be made up as part of a doubleheader Wednesday.

# Frances damages 3 teams' complexes

The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Minor league manager Luis Dorante was riding out Hurricane Frances at the Florida Marlins' spring training complex when one of the light towers blew down.

"It sounded like a bomb," Dorante said Tuesday.

Frances knocked over seven of the eight towers at the complex shared by the Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals. One landed on the Cardinals' clubhouse, another on the press box. Damage is estimated to be at least \$1 million.

Further north, in Port St. Lucie, damage to the New York Mets' spring training site was estimated to be even higher — perhaps several million dollars. Sky boxes were destroyed, fences blown down and locker rooms flooded.

Mets players Kaz Matsui and Scott Strickland, both on rehabilitation assignments, were among about 30 people taking refuge at the complex over the weekend. "We had 10-mph winds for five or six hours," Strickland said. "It was frightening."

Boredom was a problem too, Strickland said, since the group was without power from Friday night on.

"There was nothing to do," he said. "There are only so many times you can play cards."

Dorante, who manages the Marlins' Class A affiliate in Jupiter, took shelter at the team complex with about 40 other people, mostly organizational employees and their families. He was there from Friday to Monday, and the group went without power beginning late Saturday.

"The wind was the worst," he said. "The wind was the worst."

**Cubs-Marlins to play two twice**

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs and Florida Marlins will play two doubleheaders to make up the three-game series that was wiped out last weekend in Miami by Hurricane Frances.

The game has been rescheduled as part of a doubleheader on Friday at Wrigley Field.

The teams, who met in the NL championship series last year and are currently battling for the wild card, will also play a doubleheader at Pro Player Stadium on Sept. 20, an off day for both teams.

The rescheduling means the Cubs will play 23 games in 21 days and won't have a day off after this Thursday.

The defending World Series champion Marlins, meanwhile, lose an important home game in the pennant race and now play three doubleheaders in a span of 11 days, including one with Montreal.

"I mean it's difficult both ways. They have it difficult too," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said.

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## S. Williams feels 'cheated, robbed'

Capriati: One point didn't change match

BY BEN WALKER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jennifer Capriati bounced the ball once, twice, three times. Ready to serve for the match, she kept bouncing it with her racket and hand, more than 30 times in all.

She'd let her chance slip away last September on the same court in the U.S. Open, and was determined not to let it happen again Tuesday night.

At the other end, Serena Williams was still thinking about the point that was taken away by a chair umpire's mistaken call. "I guess she went temporary insane," Williams said.

Williams came up on the wrong end when Mariana Alves overruled the line judge in the opening game of the third set — it was an obvious call, the ball landed an inch or so inside the line.

Capriati went on to win 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 and moved on to the semifinals.

Alves will not advance.

"Regrettably, the replay on television showed that an incorrect overrule was made," tournament referee Brian Earley said.

"A mistake was made. Ms. Alves is not scheduled to officiate another match during the 2004 U.S. Open."

No one would say whether Alves — seated on the opposite side of the court from where Williams' ball landed — had been flat-out fired. Either way, she's gone — too late to help Williams.

"I'd prefer she not umpire at my court anymore," Williams said. "She's obviously anti-Serena."

The eighth-seeded Capriati will next play No. 6 Elena Dementieva, who defeated No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

The men's side did not produce nearly as much drama.

Defending champion Andy Roddick flattened No. 18 Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals. Roddick moved on to meet No. 28 Joachim Johansson, who beat Michael Llodra 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Also, 2001 Open champion Lleyton Hewitt beat Karol Beck 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 for his 14th consecutive win, and Tommy Haas defeated Tomas Berdych 7-6 (6), 6-1, 7-5.

Only last week, Capriati called for tennis to try some sort of instant replay.

"I don't need to see the replay," Williams said. "I know my shots. Not only was it in, it wasn't even near the line."

"I'm very angry and bitter right now. I felt cheated. Shall I go on? I just feel robbed," she said, managing to laugh. "At first, I thought it was another Wimbledon conspiracy."

Sister Venus lost in the second round this summer at Wimbledon after Karolina Sprem was mistakenly awarded an extra point in the final-set tiebreaker. Venus did not contest the call, and chair umpire Ted Watts was tossed out of the tournament.

Serena made a point to say she does not argue calls. Only this time, she did — for good reason, it turned out.

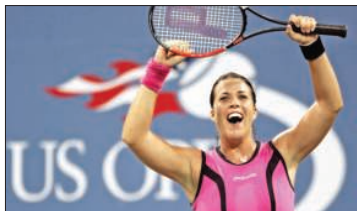
Williams hit a backhand that landed in along the side line, but Alves took it away, and Capriati went on to win the key first game.

TV replays showed the line judge had called it correctly. But as Williams headed back to the baseline to serve, she heard Alves announce: "Advantage, Capriati."

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Serena Williams, above, argues a call during Tuesday night's U.S. Open quarterfinal match against Jennifer Capriati, one in which the chair umpire overruled a line judge and called out a shot by Williams that was shown to be in. Capriati, top, celebrates after winning the match in three sets and advancing to semifinals.

Quietly, Angels reeling in gap in AL West to 1½ games with fourth straight win

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